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Dear Editor,

A word of apology to the Lesbian Information Lines membership, to those people invited by Gay Lines and Lesbian and Gay Youth Calgary (co-sponsors), and to everyone else informed by various advertisements about the Lesbian Information Lines Mixed Dance which was planned for September 7 at MCC Calgary. We are sorry that the dance could not take place. The L.I.L. executive board decided to postpone the dance because the Project Pride dance was on the same evening. Unfortunately, LIL was not aware that this dance was on that same evening; L.I.L. was not aware that this dance was taking place until all the publicity for the Mixed Dance was completed. Although L.I.L. was aware the sudden postponement of their fundraising event would disappoint many people (they didn't have time to contact everyone), L.I.L., a non-funded organization that finds "making ends meet" a continuous challenge, could not take the risk of competing with another dance. Please accept this apology and do not forsake us in our future fundraising events, so that we may continue celebrating and supporting each other.

Susanda,
Summer Fundraiser for L.I.L.
Calgary

(***Editors Response:*** *What a shame Project Pride didn't realize what else was going on when they planned their dance. As it turned out, the Project Pride dance was poorly attended, which could have been a result of poor publicity or bad feelings in the community surrounding this unfortunate event. -- **Jim.***)

Dear Editor:

I was recently in New York and discovered a small boutique which carried "Edna Herself" T-shirts. I would appreciate it if you could direct me to a place here in Calgary where I may purchase one. I am Edna's biggest fan and really would like Edna covering my body.

Your response would be appreciated.

Sincerely,
Bruno T. Driver

Dear Truck:

This is Edna Herself answering your letter. I am absolutely appalled that someone would actually consider publishing my portrait on a cotton tee! They should have at least chosen a more suitable fabric, such as silk.

Thank you for the tip; I'll have Johnny, my beloved and faithful lawyer, get right on it. After we are done with them, they will know that permission must always be asked for when it regards Edna. They will probably start asking permission to use the powder room.

To answer your question about those trashy shirts, I have no idea where you can get them and certainly hope that you won't find them. As for your comment about being my greatest fan, I believe that I won you over during my bead dance in Butt. I hope that you found your truck okay, after I borrowed it.

As ever,
Edna Herself
P.S. You really ought to install a voice command system.

Dear Editor:

As a concerned member of the gay community, I wish to take this opportunity to express my disgust with the Calgary Police Service regarding to a 911 call which was placed in response to a rock throwing incident which occurred at Boys Town Metro on August 17, 1991. The Police Service, who are supposed to be impartial, reacted to the call only after we flagged down a passing motorcycle cop on his way downtown to complete work that he was doing on a totally separate case. Only then, about one hour and ten minutes later, did we get a response to our

numerous calls to 911 and the 266-1234 complaint line.

I have already filed a formal complaint with the Chief of Police and the Mayor's Office, and a formal police investigation is underway to deal with the concerns of the response time to a 911 call. As well, the Police Service must give a satisfactory answer to the gay rights concerns which I expressed in my complaint.

The reason I am writing this is to try and get the community to put pressure on the city and its administrators to develop a plan to incorporate gay rights into legislation covered by the Alberta Human Rights Code. It's beyond my comprehension that the government has not yet even entertained the ideas of including this issue in the Human Rights Code. Come on, Alberta, join the twentieth century. It's a fact of life that a portion of the population is gay and always will be gay and it's about time that we as a concerned minority made our opinions known and demanded answers and inclusion in the Human Rights Code. It is our right as citizens of a minority to be treated with respect and dignity and to have at our disposal all of the amenities of society. To be denied the rights of emergency response to a 911 call is only the tip of the iceberg as far as gay rights are concerned, but with this incident we as a community have the opportunity to bring gay rights to the forefront of media coverage and to again instill in the minds of the general public the knowledgethat we are not going to sit back and let the world control us. That's why we have to use this situation to our advantage as much as we can. We have made great progress already in the area of gay rights, so we shouldn't let any opportunity pass us by to achieve our goals. Only by community pressure are the legislators going to face our demands which are guaranteed under the Canadian Human Rights Act.

Thank you for your concern and support.

Keith Purdy
Calgary

OBITUARY

James Allen Levall passed away at the Bow Valley Centre of the Calgary General Hospital on September 2, 1991. He is survived by his parents, Helen Marie Levall and James Levall Sr. and also his companion, David Bomford; two brothers, Clifford and Michael (Rhonda) and four sisters, Rosemary, Cindy Lee, Diane (Eddy) and Liz (Peter), all of Edmonton. James was born November 14, 1958 in Edmonton, Alberta and resided there until 1986 when he moved to Calgary.



"God saw him getting tired,
A cure was not to be,
So he wrapped him in his loving arms
And whispered 'Come with Me.'
He suffered much in silence,
His spirit did not bend.
He faced his pain with courage,
Until the very end.
He tried so hard to stay with us,
His fight was all in vain.
God took him to His loving home
And freed him from all pain."

Memorial services were held at Leyden's "Chapel of Remembrance" on Friday September 6, 1991 with Mr. Bill Taylor officiating. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Alleluia MCC Memorial Fund c/o Leyden's Funeral Home Ltd., 304 – 18 Ave S.W. Calgary T2S 0C3.

Erratum

In the September issue, it was stated that 140 people marched in Calgary's Gay Pride Parade. The actual number should have been 700.

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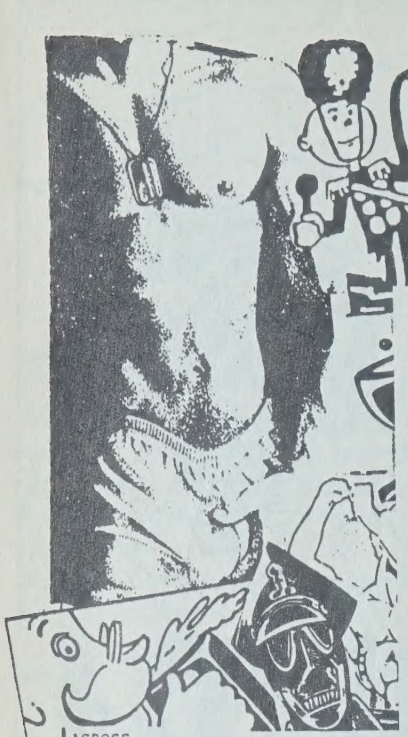
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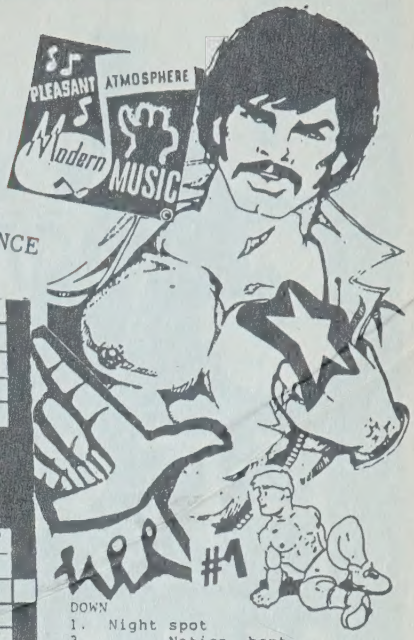
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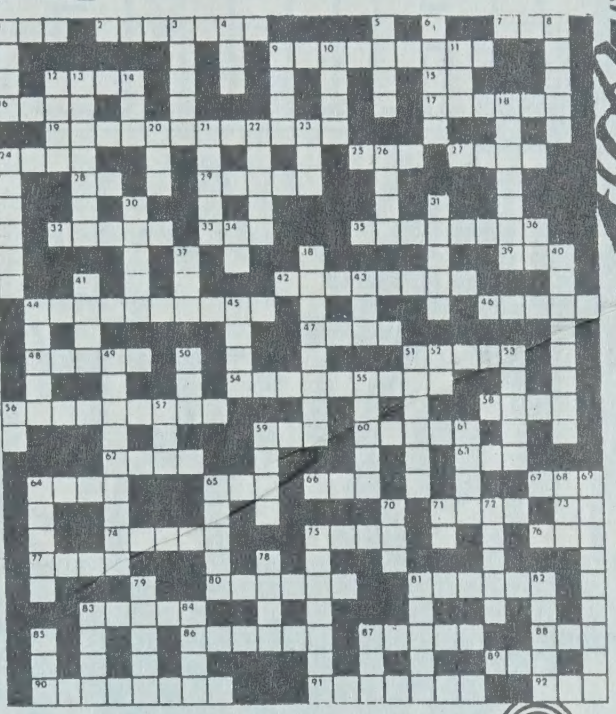
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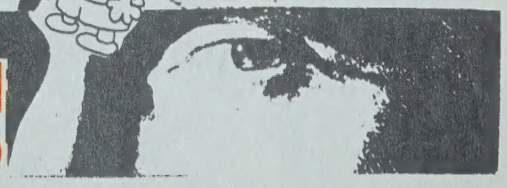




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1. Beenie
2. The _____ of life.
7. Sizzling
9. Tequila concoction
12. ____job or BJ
15. Southwest (abbr)
16. _____boy (Gay Rag)
17. Safe sex utensil
19. Pee Wee's Pastime
24. Sexual wanting, libido
25. Posterior
27. Better than a ____ job!
28. Hello
29. On tap
32. Sex position
33. ___ ha!
35. Horny gay pastime
39. Hole, cavity
42. Sexual rubbing of bodies
44. _____ squeal of approval
46. Love, sweetheart (Italian)
47. ____ cod (drink)
48. Fag or flower
51. Testicles
54. Thursday at 10, 12, & 1
56. Objects d'dragshow
58. To give ____ or fellate
59. Adult male
60. Cowboy's homestead
62. Organ in the middle of the face
63. Mork from ____
64. Walk on the ____ side
65. Cow noise
66. The town's ___ spot
67. Taxi
71. Physique
73. Mother
74. Bull's eye
75. Fuck 'n' ____
76. Storage vessel
77. Pecs
80. R.S.V.P. Boat _____
81. Show nite
83. Exhibits
86. _____, dime, quarter
87. foam, head
88. Budweiser
89. Long sandwich
90. 213-10 ave. SW
91. B52
92. Atmosphere

DOWN
1. Night spot
3. _____ Nation, bent
4. Extrasensory Perception
5. Hussy, Queen
6. _____mania Mondays
8. Hobo or slut
9. Mickey & ____
10. Ancient remnant
11. Tea for ____
12. Butts
13. _____ 'n' Levi
14. Not dry
18. Moving rhythmically
20. Finis
21. Thursdays are _____ nite
22. Studio _____(t-shirts)
23. Come ___ of the closet
24. Dollar coin
26. "A ____ Is Born"
30. Sexual Organ
31. 25¢ each on Thursday
34. Auntie ___ (Wizard Of Oz)
36. Goo goo ga ___
37. Spell, curse
38. Hard on
40. 1302-4st SW (past life)
41. Prayer ending
43. Opposite of bottom
44. 5-8 p.m. is _____ Hour
45. Rump rosebud
49. 10 - midnite Wednesdays
50. Orgasm
51. 2 - 4 p.m. Sunday
52. __ is
53. _____ Sebastion
55. Soiree
56. Ty's __ World
57. Affirmative answer
59. Flash your ass
61. Gay, bent
64. No time to _____
65. D.J. neccessity
68. Alberta Music Association
69. Mixologist
70. Winter sport
71. __ Ba Black Sheep
72. Studly gentleman
75. Sasquatch _____
78. Copulate
79. Rek Room dinner Sunday 6-?
81. Discharge, eject
82. _____ Dabba Do
83. Remain
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Albertans Asked To Take Part In Men's Survey '91

The University of Toronto, Université Laval and the Canadian AIDS Society, funded by Health and Welfare Canada, has launched a national survey designed to measure knowledge, attitudes and behaviours related to HIV infection among Canadian gay and bisexual men.

Men's Survey '91 will be the largest survey of its kind in Canada, as well as one of only a few undertaken anywhere in the world. Data will be collected in bars, bathhouses and at community events.

The aim of the project is to obtain data that can be used to develop educational and health promotion strategies for gay and bisexual men.

Until now, no Canadian survey has attempted to capture the issues and concerns about HIV and AIDS with regard to gay and bisexual men -- the group still most affected by HIV/AIDS.

Men's Survey '91 hopes to identify the gaps in men's knowledge about HIV transmission, safer sex, antibody testing and other issues. Another aim is to better understand what kinds of beliefs and attitudes influence positive behaviour change and maintenance of safer sex practices. **Men's Survey '91** is also meant to reveal whether, among gay and bisexual men, there are identifiable target populations that require special attention in HIV prevention work.

Second Annual Gay and Lesbian Conference And Film Festival In Calgary This Month

The Calgarians Networking Club will be hosting **Network '91**, a conference and film festival scheduled for October fourth and fifth at the Hospitality Inn South.

This year's conference, the second such conference to be held in Calgary, is meant to be a celebration of the vast accomplishments, skills and talents that our community offers. Efforts have been made to highlight the many and varied facets of a gay and lesbian life, de-emphasizing the purely sexual connotations which are most often associated with being homosexual. Priority has been placed on including businesses, entertainers, professionals, entrepreneurs and artists who reflect a wholistic picture of gay and lesbian life.

Network '91 will offer a broad range of workshops, which will touch on the varied interests of members of our community. The workshops are intended to be informative, fun and offer a forum to meet with new people and share ideas.

This year, the conference committee has endeavoured to create a clear mission statement and develop a strong mandate that will shape this conference and all others that will follow. With this effort, it hopes to start a process of setting standards and expectations regarding conferences to come.

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One Million Expected For 'Stonewall 25'

Earth's Largest Queer Event Ever

By Rex Wockner

Queers of the planet Earth are plotting to take over New York City, arguably the planet's most important metropolis, in June 1994, to celebrate the 25th anniversary of their fight for liberation and equality.

And it's not too early to book flights and hotel rooms. Organizers predict one million homosexuals will swoop down on the city.

Dubbed "Stonewall 25," the month of celebrations will commemorate the 1969 riots at the Stonewall Inn in Greenwich Village--in which drag queens and dykes violently resisted police harassment for the first time in America, legend has it.

Although modern-style gay-liberation movements were born in Scandinavia and Holland as early as 1947, the Stonewall riots have been extensively popularized in gay mythology as the beginning of the modern gay and lesbian movement.

Stonewall 25 organizers say "lesbians and gays and our supporters from all over the world will converge...for a massive human and civil rights march" on June 26, 1994. It "is expected to be the largest lesbian and gay event in history."

In the days before and after the march, the huge Gay Games IV will unfold in New York City, as will the 15th World Conference of the esteemed International Lesbian and Gay Association.

Other major events will include: a joint concert of Lesbian and Gay Bands of America, featuring more than 500 musicians; a performance by the more than 1,000 voices of the Gay/Lesbian Choral Association; a huge dance and fireworks display; a national conference of Men of All Colors Together (known in some cities as Black and White Men Together); a national conference of Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays; and the largest gay-worship service in the history of the universe, hosted by the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches, the world's largest gay organization.

History's largest gay/lesbian event to date was the 650,000-strong National March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights on Oct. 11, 1987. Another march is set for April 25, 1993.

Amnesty International To Adopt Gays After 17 Years Of Stalling

Activists Issue Further Demands

By Rex Wockner

Following 17 years of campaigning by gay/lesbian activists, Amnesty International reached consensus Sept. 7 in favor of adopting jailed gays and lesbians as "prisoners of conscience."

At the end of its annual International Council Meeting, held this year in Yokohama, Japan, Amnesty embraced the most far-reaching proposal that had been presented on gay issues. The group will consider for adoption both gays and lesbians jailed for their sexual identity and those imprisoned for violation of sodomy laws.

Gay activists worldwide hailed the move, which had been first suggested in 1974 by Danish Amnesty members but was consistently blocked by Third World Amnesty sections, which feared their societies were not ready to support the human rights of homosexuals.

In deference to those sections, the final version of Amnesty Resolution 563 included the phrase, "realizing fully that this decision increases the difficulty of the development of our movement in many parts of the world...."

The proposal to begin adopting gays, including those jailed for consensual sex acts, was carried to Yokohama by Amnesty International USA.

"Our whole delegation ended up hugging and crying," said Amnesty USA executive director **John Healey**. "It was a very historical moment. It's everything we fought for for 17 years. It is fitting that in its 30th year, Amnesty International has recognized the need to grow and expand, to live up to its highest ideals."

AIUSA board chair **Carole Nagengast** added: "We are delighted that the movement, after years of debate...has reached consensus. The AIUSA delegation was carrying a mandate from our membership...on the issue of gay rights and we are very satisfied with the outcome."

Amnesty previously adopted homosexuals only when their arrests resulted from speaking out for gay rights (i.e. when it was a free-speech issue) or when they were subjected to prison "treatment" designed to make them heterosexual. Gays and lesbians arrested simply for being gay, those nabbed for belonging to gay organizations, rounded up in bar raids, or jailed for violating laws against gay sex, among others, did not qualify.

"Amnesty's move is absolutely wonderful news," said **Lisa Power**, co-secretary general of the International Lesbian and Gay Association, speaking by telephone from London. "So many years of hard work by so many people all over the world have finally paid off. ILGA has been running this campaign for the whole of our existence in over 40 countries. It was one of our founding concerns. We are delighted.

"Of course it means a lot more work for us--working alongside Amnesty to insure that gay prisoners are identified, targeted and supported," Power said.

Following Amnesty's moves, the U.S.-based Gay and Lesbian Task Force to Change Amnesty International delivered a list of requests to the organization Sept. 11.

The Task Force is a coalition of ACT UP chapters, the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation, Gay & Lesbian Watch, the International Gay and Lesbian Human Rights Commission, ILGA, the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, and Queer Nation chapters.

The coalition asked Amnesty to:

- devote money and resources to researching and pursuing cases of gay and lesbian oppression;
- initiate a major study documenting gay and lesbian oppression throughout the world;
- organize major publicity campaigns around the issue; and
- work in a mutually beneficial manner with the coalition's member groups.

In addition, the Task Force called on Amnesty to take "the next logical step" and "include 'sexual orientation' among the protected groups listed in Amnesty's written statutes."

"By refusing statutory protection to gays and lesbians, Amnesty promotes the kind of homophobia that fails to recognize gays and lesbians as a legitimate group deserving aid under universal human-rights laws," said Task Force spokeswoman **Charlotte Innes**.

"Without written recognition, we remain invisible in the eyes of mainstream society."

Amnesty is expected to consider the recommendation at its next International Council Meeting.

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Pete Williams Outing Completed By *Advocate*

By Rex Wockner

The Advocate August 13 completed the on-going outing of head Pentagon spokesman **Pete Williams** by publishing the exposé that had been slated for the defunct *OutWeek* magazine.

Williams responded, "As a government spokesman...I am not paid to...talk about my personal life and I don't intend to."

United States Secretary of Defense **Dick Cheney** said Williams will "absolutely not" be asked to resign and noted, "We've got a large number of gays in military service."

Defense Department Directive 1332.14 bans homosexuals from military service, but it does not apply to civilian Pentagon employees, such as Williams, who is assistant secretary of defense for public affairs. The military has discharged 12,966 gays and lesbians since 1982.

The Advocate called it hypocritical for a gay man to defend the military's anti-gay policies to the media. The cover-story outing, written by outing inventor **Michelangelo Signorile**, revealed: "So many gay men seem to know Williams and know of his homosexuality that it becomes questionable as to whether he was ever in the closet.

"While several men tell of friendships and sexual encounters with him, one man says they had a two-month intimate 'boyfriends' relationship," Signorile reported.

"As soon as he began appearing on TV [as the Pentagon spokesman during the Gulf war], I recognized him from the [gay] bar [J.R.'s]," said Washington, D.C., activist **Robert Warnock**. "He's not really in the closet."

"One night I tricked with a guy, and after we had sex, we were sitting up in bed," said activist **Stephen Smith**. "Pete Williams came on TV, and the guy laughed and said, 'Ha! I dated him!'"

Signorile talked off the record to other gay men who said they'd had sex with Williams. And a couple of Williams' associates inadvertently let the cat out of the bag during on-the-record conversations with Signorile.

Lt. Col. **Doug Hart**, a public-affairs officer at the Pentagon who has previously stated that there are no gays in the military because the military kicks them all out, was asked about Williams' homosexuality and replied: "Pete Williams! Oh, I won't even answer that. I won't get into that one at all. Jeez! Come on! [That'd be] character assassination."

Human Rights Campaign Fund Communications Director **Gregory King** made a similar comment to the Chicago gay newspaper *Outlines* two months ago: "Although I'm opposed to outing, I'm willing to admit that Pete Williams and I have been friends for many years," King said.

Advocate Editor in Chief **Richard Rouilard** wrote a lengthy defense of the magazine's decision to out Williams.

"Pete Williams is not the innocent victim of rabid gay activists," Rouilard argued. "We're talking about a man who knowingly assists in the promotion of policies designed to thoroughly undermine the community in which, part-time, he lives.

"Homosexual homophobes... are twisted human beings, tortured souls acting out what society has taught them," Rouilard wrote. "And in some cases, they become so indifferent to the plight of the gay and lesbian community, they choose their careers at *any* cost to the community in which they live. Pete Williams is just such an unfortunate being.

"Pete Williams knows that the military's blanket exclusion of gays and lesbians is wrong. And that his silent complicity encourages the continuation of this vile and despotic activity. The U.S. military is awash in lies and hypocrisy," Rouilard charged.

The Williams outing was endorsed by such anti-outing figures as gay U.S. Rep. **Barney Frank**, and **Sandra Lowe**, the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund lawyer who has fought for years against the military's gay ban.

"It's wrong for gay people to be administering an anti-gay policy," said Frank.

"There are rare times in history when extraordinary steps must be taken," said Lowe. The case of Williams "almost seems like being a Jew in the SS and relying on everybody's silence and complicity."

Department of Defense Directive 1332.14 reads, in part: "Homosexuality is incompatible with military service. [It] adversely affects the ability of the Armed Forces to maintain discipline, good order and morale; to foster mutual trust and confidence among servicemembers; to ensure the integrity of the system of rank and command; to facilitate assignment and worldwide deployment of servicemembers who frequently must live and work under close conditions affording minimal

privacy; to recruit and retain members of the Armed Forces; to maintain the public acceptability of military service; and to prevent breaches of security...."

But Secretary Cheney is not so sure. As the Williams outing advanced (it began June 29 when Queer Nation/D.C. co-founder **Michael Petrelis** held a press conference to unveil his new "Pete Williams: Absolutely Queer" poster) Cheney found himself asked to justify the military's ban on gays and lesbians.

"The fact of the matter is that it's policy that I inherited," Cheney said on the TV program *This Week With David Brinkley* and elsewhere.

Under questioning from **Barney Frank** during a House Budget Committee hearing, Cheney said of the section of 1332.14 regarding gays and security breaches, "I think that's a bit of an old chestnut."

As for Williams, Cheney said: "I have operated on the basis over the years, in respect to my personal staff, that I don't ask them about their private lives. As long as they perform their professional responsibilities in a responsible manner, their private lives are their business."

Frank told Cheney, "If all you can say in defense of this policy is that you inherited it, maybe it is time you stopped and took another look at it."

The mainstream media was schizophrenic in its pick-up of the Williams outing. ***The Chicago Tribune***, ***The Los Angeles Times***, ***The New York Times***, ***The San Francisco Chronicle***, ***USA Today*** and ***The Washington Post*** refused to name Williams, saying either that they do not know if he's gay, that they do not believe his private life affects his public duties, or that they disapprove of outing.

But ***The Detroit News***, ***The Detroit Free Press*** (and its news-service affiliates, including a newspaper in Williams' Wyoming hometown), ***The New York Daily News***, ***The Oakland [Calif.] Tribune***, ***The Village Voice***, and hundreds of smaller daily newspapers, weekly newspapers, and local radio and TV stations did use Williams' name.

"In terms of a scandal, the Williams outing didn't go far," Signorile commented in mid-August. "But in terms of an outing, it went big. A year ago, it took a month for a dead **Malcolm Forbes** to be outed in the [mainstream] press [after I outed him in the gay press]. This time, within a week, a large percentage of the media mentioned the name and a larger percentage covered the controversy [over the military's ban on gays] without [using Williams'] name." ▼

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PART 2

GAY GLASNOST

Soviet Gays and Lesbians Fought Coup

By Rex Wockner

The faces of gays and lesbians were repeatedly visible in the television footage of the grassroots uprising against the failed Communist coup in the Soviet Union, say American activists back from July and August's groundbreaking gay-pride celebrations in St. Petersburg (formerly Leningrad) and Moscow.

Nearly 20,000 Soviet gays and lesbians took part in one aspect or another of the two weeks of film festivals, conferences and demonstrations, organizers say.

Soviet gay movement founder **Roman Kalinin** and many other Russian gay activists cut their teeth in the democracy movement.

"The two [movements] have been unified--to help one is to help the other," explained **Tom Boellstorff**, an American who staffs the new Moscow office of the San Francisco-based International Gay and Lesbian Human Rights Commission, which co-organized the pride events.



Soviet gay movement founder Roman Kalinin. Photo by Rex Wockner

And new alliances were

forged between Soviet gay activists and pro-democracy forces during the days of the coup, said IGLHRC co-founder **Julie Dorf**.

"If anything, the Soviet gay movement is now in a better position than before," Dorf said.

During the coup, Boellstorff and Kalinin ran off 4 000 extra copies of *Tema*, the Moscow gay newspaper, combined it with copies of Boris Yeltsin's anti-coup proclamation, and distributed both to people in the streets and even soldiers in the tanks.

"We had the only [available] Macintosh computer in Moscow," said Boellstorff.

American activists delivered two Macs, a laser printer and a monitor to Kalinin on July 23 in Leningrad. Customs officials socked duties on the computer equipment equivalent to six years of the average Soviet worker's income.

Fortunately, IGLHRC had smuggled dollars to Kalinin a week earlier for conversion on the black market, reducing the damage to about $600 U.S. The average Soviet worker makes $100 a year, at the current exchange rate.

Customs agents were stunned when Kalinin plopped six years' worth of income on the conveyor belt of the Leningrad airport X-ray machine.

We're all connected

Dorf and Kalinin were in constant contact during the days of the coup after the ever-industrious Kalinin figured out how to use Dorf's telephone credit card and American Telephone & Telegraph's handy "USA Direct" service to get calls out of Moscow when no one else was able to.

And in one of those so-called flukes of history, Dorf and Kalinin were also on the telephone together at the precise moment the coup began, talking about something else, obviously.

"Our lines here in San Francisco started ringing with the reports coming in from CNN [Cable News Network]," Dorf remembered. "At first, it was just that **Gorbachev** was sick and the vice-president was in his place, so, well, Roman and I finished our call and hung up. Then the rest of the news piled in. I started dialing back immediately.

"The first words out of Roman's mouth were, 'Julie! Why didn't you tell me!'" Dorf said. "He said, 'This is the worst thing possible. It's a military takeover. Everyone is panicked. I don't know what to do.... I've got to go. We've got to get to work.'"

And get to work they did--along with hundreds of thousands of other Soviet citizens.

"No power in the world can stop people who want democracy and are determined to have their civil rights," said former British Prime Minister **Margaret Thatcher** when she was informed the coup had taken place.

Looks like she got that right.



Julie Dorf waits patiently for Soviet Customs officials to release Macintosh computers.

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PART 3
(FINAL CHAPTER)

Reporter's Notebook

By Rex Wockner

*Twenty thousand Soviets and 70 North American gay/lesbian activists took part in the USSR's first gay symposiums, gay film festivals and gay-rights demonstrations July 23-Aug. 3 in Moscow and St. Petersburg (formerly Leningrad) [see AGLP, September, 1991]. In his final article, **Rex Wockner** pulls together the nooks and crannies of his "reporter's notebook," in no particular order.*

Gay Rights vs. Food

Hundreds of Soviet gays and lesbians said the conferences, film festivals and demos changed their lives forever. They said they never knew being homosexual could be something like what we apparently showed them--something more than, for gay men, careful hunting in parks and toilets and, for lesbians, nothing, basically.

We were elated to share our world. But I keep wondering if our contribution will survive. The present USSR is like a place that managed to survive global thermonuclear war. The whole social-economic system has collapsed. It's every person for him/herself. Everything is corrupt.

People line up for blocks for hunks of fat which may be gone by the time you get to the front of the line. The only vegetables are tomatoes and cucumbers. There are no vitamins, no fruit. Actually, there is no anything--clothes, watches, toiletries...nothing.

The average monthly salary is $10 at the current conversion rate. It was worse than Third World--it was "Fourth World."

McDonald's

Our last day in Moscow, my Swiss chum David and I decided to do it: We would wait in the 50-minute, blocks-long line and we would eat a...Big Mac. It would be, without a tinge of a doubt, far and away the best food we'd had in two weeks, that is for sure. But how does one get through a blocks-long line in 50 minutes?

Well, the USSR's only McDonald's has 27 order stations with five employees per station. It is an island of efficiency in a country that has never heard the word. It is, it seemed, the grandest burger factory the world has ever known--and certainly the fastest and easiest way to eat in Moscow if your form of payment is rubles.

And there's more. Most notably, the Moscow McD's operates completely within the Soviet system. Nothing is imported. Given that the Soviet system does not function (not even somewhat) this is miraculous. Sure, the beef was a bit sub-standard and the printing flaked off the packaging but everything tasted and looked right.

McDonald's is very expensive for Soviets. A Big Mac is 9.70 rubles--of an average monthly salary of 250 rubles. Transcalculated to America, that's a $112 Big Mac. If the average Soviet ate one a day, he'd spend more than his monthly salary.

But since there are 30+ rubles to the dollar, I paid 66 cents total for a Big Mac, two orders of fries, a large Diet Coke (only place in Moscow to get one) and a chocolate sundae. The burger was the expensive part--the Coke was less than 2 cents.

Unlike Pizza Hut--the only other American chain in Moscow--McDonald's does not have a hard-currency entrance and a rubles door. The (Canadian) manager of the McDonald's, who I interviewed, blasted Pizza Hut for its despicable "double standard."

"McDonald's is for the Soviets," he said. Dig it.

David and I did eat once at the dollars side of Pizza Hut--$33, or four months' of the average Soviet's salary. We felt slimy. We overtipped the waiter.

You gotta admire McDonald's. Somebody has to show the USSR how to halt the auto-destruct sequence, and a market economy, it seems, is fundamental. The Moscow McD's is nothing if not a monument to the Reality that Capitalism is the only system that sorta works in the Real World. Not very pretty, I know. But you ain't seen ugly 'til you've done Russia.

Sex

In St. Petersburg (Leningrad), men meet in a little park surrounding a statue of Katherine II on Nevsky Prospekt, the main drag, as it were. But it's all annoyingly subtle and you have to tiptoe around large puddles of Miss Things to find even one Real Man--who will be afraid to express interest.

You could, after all, be a KGB informant or a basher or, on a really bizarre day, a hyperout gay journalist from North America.

It's way pre-Stonewall.

One might also try the toilet at Moskovsky Vokzal, the station from which trains leave for Moscow. There's a whole wall of urinals without anti-cruise partitions and everybody was definitely scoping. Careful though, my watch was snatched off my arm without my feeling a thing.

To cruise in Moscow, walk around outside the Bolshoi Theater. Again, it's Time Warp Central. Don't get your hopes up. Soviet gays meet primarily through private channels to keep from getting screwed over with the police by strangers.

Far and away, the best cruisin' was at the gay/lez confabs themselves. The conferences marked the first time a large number of Soviet queers had gathered and, well, it was like last call in the Castro...in 1978.

The dykes in our North American delegation, in particular, seemed to be getting laid left and right--the men a little less so, I think. No Russian I talked to would say so, but I think it was AIDSphobia. The USSR has one openly gay/openly HIV+ man.

AIDS seemed to be seen as "a Western thing," I'm afraid.

The $200,000 Customs Duty

When we arrived at the St. Petersburg airport on our lovely Czech Air Tupolev-154, Julie Dorf and Jim Toevs of the International Gay and Lesbian Human Rights Commission tried to amble through Customs with two Macs, a monitor and a laser printer.

These were not *just* computers. This was the future of the Soviet gay press--life itself for ***Tema***, the Soviet Union's leading gay newspaper. (*Nobody* in Moscow has a Mac.)

Customs freaked. They jerked out notebooks and started calculating. Half an hour later the duty bill was offered--20,000 rubles. The average Soviet worker makes 3,000 rubles a year; the duty on the computers was 6.6 years' of income. Transcalculated to the U.S., you're talkin' about $200,000 in import duties.

But was Roman Kalinin, editor of ***Tema*** and father (at age 24) of the Russian gay movement, ruffled? Think again. Roman plopped a shocking pile of cash on the X-ray machine conveyor belt and--like in a spy movie--began methodically slapping down rubles. Julie and Jim had feared the worst and had sent Roman $1,000, a week earlier, for conversion on the black market at around 40 rubles to the buck.

The Customs agents were blown away. They accepted 6.6 years' of income--and the Macs, printer and monitor were sprinted to freedom. It was an inspiring, historic moment. In a shocking lapse of journalistic objectivity, I'm afraid I carried one of the boxes...

The Midnight Train to Moscow

On the midnight train from Leningrad to Moscow, famous lesbo comic Robin Tyler made me swear never to reveal to *anyone* that she performed a sewing job for me.

As we were boarding the train, one of the loops on my belt-based security pouch mysteriously ripped off--at the same time my watch disappeared from my arm. In less than five minutes, Robin pronounced it "more secure than it was originally."

Human Rights Campaign Fund board chair Randy Klose, former HRCF Executive Director Vic Basile and Harry Britt aide Jean Harris witnessed Robin's sewing job--so let her try and deny it.

Robin had raided a hard-currency store before we boarded the train and treated us to caviar, oysters, champagne and...Ritz crackers. We were sworn to secrecy about this too. It's a violation of PC, I deduced, to sew for males and shop at hard-currency stores in barren Commie lands.

I fell in love with Robin immediately.

Nude, Gay Beach

We went on an outing (the old-fashioned kind) to Moscow's gay nude beach. Everything was going fine until American co-organizer Masha Gessen and a group of Soviet gays surrounded a photographer and started a loud and lengthy fight. In the end, they confiscated his film and tore open the canisters, ruining his pictures.

The photographer worked for APN, a news wire-service that feeds Soviet magazines. Gessen said APN was an arm of the Communist Party, but some Russian gays said they thought that had probably changed.

American photographer Patsy Lynch and I were unsure how to respond. If we'd been in America, we would have thrown a hissy fit. But who's to say in the Soviet Union? Gessen later refused to be interviewed about the incident.

Siberian Lesbians from Hell

The hit of the Soviet pride events, in my opinion, was the four awesomely radical Siberian lesbians who almost got us all arrested by launching a kiss-in at the end of a condom-distribution zap of Moscow City Hall.

And Katrina--one of our professional translators, who, in the midst of the conference, learned the phrase "lipstick lesbian" and finally knew where she fits in the Grand Scheme of Things. (Major babe, totally awesome mini-skirt.)

The majority of Soviet gay men were rather "pre-Stonewall" (with the exception of Kalinin, who's about five years ahead of U.S. activists). But the dykes were up-to-speed. Lesbians, I deduced, have less to lose in the beginning, being defecated on already for being female. It takes men longer to opt to risk their (buzzword alert) "male privilege" and come out full steam ahead, I suppose.

And I'm Soviet Unioned out.

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Activists Form New Russian AIDS Projects

Conference, Aggressive Outreach Planned

By Rex Wockner

Russian and American gay activists formed two new AIDS projects in mid-September to provide desperately needed safe-sex education for Russian gay men.

Fifty-nine percent of Russian gay and bisexual men have never used a condom for male-male sex. Twelve percent do "half of the time" and the rest do "sometimes," according to government surveys of gays identified through contact-tracing of HIV-positives. What's more, even if Russian gay men were to use condoms, the rubbers might break, since there are no water-based lubricants available in the USSR. Oil-based lubricants, such as hand cream, dissolve rubbers.

Roman Kalinin, co-founder of the Moscow Gay and Lesbian Union, and **Jim Toevs**, formerly of the San Francisco-based International Gay and Lesbian Human Rights Commission (IGLHRC), announced the birth of the Moscow AIDS Project Sept. 11.

MAP will stage a conference in Moscow April 24-26, 1992 "to train Russian gay men in leading safe-sex workshops and conducting safe-sex education among their peers."

Said Kalinin: "According to Dr. **Vadim Pokrovsky**, chief of the USSR All Union Center for AIDS, the greatest need at this time is safe-sex education in the gay-male populations in Moscow and St. Petersburg (formerly Leningrad), and he agrees that the most effective people to conduct this education are well-trained peers.

"Another focus of the conference will be the training of Russian health-care workers in the hygenic methods of preventing infection. The social and psychological impact of AIDS will also receive primary attention, in addition to the need for good medical care and adequate health-care facilities," Kalinin said.

Meanwhile, IGLHRC Sept. 12 announced the birth of Project SPID Limit. "SPID," the Russian acronym for AIDS, is pronounced "speed." The project "will reduce the HIV-infection rates in Moscow and St. Petersburg through aggressive outreach and innovative discussion groups," IGLHRC said.

Headed by **Kevin Gardner** of San Francisco's STOP AIDS Project, Project SPID Limit plans to distribute condoms and safe-sex literature, talk with gay men in cruising areas, recruit and train volunteers, and attempt to coordinate local Russian AIDS efforts with the work of the 10 or so American organizations that have launched various AIDS-related programs in the USSR in the past year.

Gardner will head to the Soviet Union for six months at the end of October.

IGLHRC is also planning to set up an AIDS hotline in Moscow. It will be staffed by 10 full-time employees at a total cost of only $100 per month. The staffers will be paid 320 rubles a month--slightly above the average Soviet worker's income. The current exchange rate is about 32 rubles to the dollar.

According to MAP's Kalinin, who is also a co-founder of IGLHRC, there are 650 reported cases of HIV-positivity in the USSR and 50 diagnosed AIDS cases. An official of the All Union Center for AIDS recently reported 654 actual AIDS cases, but she may have misspoken.

Soviet AIDS chief Pokrovsky recently estimated that there are at least 7,000 unreported cases of HIV-positivity nationwide.

The seeming duplication of efforts by MAP and Project SPID Limit stems from a recent upheaval at IGLHRC, which ousted Toevs as president of its board. Soviet gay and AIDS activists continue to work with both IGLHRC and Toevs.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS ROUNDUP

BRAZIL--Soccer hero **Pele** will appear in a Ministry of Health-sponsored TV ad campaign to promote safe sex and discourage discrimination against HIV-positives, according to London's *Gay Times*.

BELGIUM--The International Lesbian and Gay Association is broke and will soon have to lay off its one employee and scale back its programs.

Volunteer Financial Secretary **Nigel Warner** warned that the termination of Information Secretary **Micha Ramakers** would lead to "an immediate and sharp deterioration in ILGA's ability to operate. This could well be so great as to call into question the continued existence of ILGA," he said.

In a desperate mailing, Warner asked each ILGA member organization to hold a fundraiser that clears at least $130. If 40 percent do so, the present $13,000 deficit will be erased.

The group is also planning grant applications to charitable foundations and seeks tips on where to apply in this country.

ILGA's core members are 300 local and national gay/lesbian organizations in 42 countries. The association is the world's only international gay networking body--linking activists from Australia to Zimbabwe--Athens to Zagreb.

"ILGA's work is crucial as the movement increasingly becomes an international force," stressed Robert Bray of the U.S. National Gay and Lesbian Task Force.

CHINA--The Xinhau News Agency reported Sept. 6 that China had recorded six AIDS cases and 493 cases of HIV-positivity as of the end of 1990.

The agency also said reported cases of sexually transmitted diseases fell by 30 percent in the first half of 1991.

A spokesman for the Ministry of Public Health attributed the decline to "a number of regulations designed to curb various criminal activities, including prostitution."

More than 29,000 hookers and their patrons were arrested in June and July, according to a second report, from the New China News Agency.

COSTA RICA--A group of San José gays and lesbians erected a mural in the National Park June 27.

According to the gay newspaper ***Confidencial***, it was composed of objects that represent "lesbians and homosexuals who cannot come out of the closet...and are each day more invisibilized by the system."

The main inscription read: "Homosexuals and Lesbians. We Demand Respect. Our International Day."

DENMARK--A new survey by the University of Copenhagen found that 84% of Danish gay men are out to their families. Most of the respondents knew they were gay by age 15 and came out by age 21.

Half of Danish gay men live alone, while 30 percent live with a lover, the survey found. Researchers were surprised that 12 percent of the men had children.

More than half of the respondents never go to gay bars and discothèques. Twenty-five percent had been to a gay meeting or event in the past year, while 37 percent had been to a bathhouse or "porno club."

ENGLAND--The Whores of Babylon, a subgroup of the direct-action group OutRage, staged an exorcism of the "demon of homophobia" from Lambeth Palace, the Archbishop of Canterbury's London residence.

"We're here to cure a state institution that's possessed by a vicious, malignant, horrifying demon: homophobia," said the group's 'priest.' "In the name of unconditional love the Church has beaten, tortured, imprisoned and damned us, burned us at the stake, and silently supported queer-bashers and the murderers of gay men."

Passers-by shouted "Hallelujah" and flung their arms in the air, said ***Capital Gay***.

ENGLAND--OutRage zapped a London cruising area in August to protest at plainclothes policemen trapping gay men by acting as *agents provocateurs*, reported ***Capital Gay***.

About 15 people visited Epsom Stew Ponds, part of Epsom Common, charging that "pretty policemen" entice cruisers into sexual situations and then arrest them.

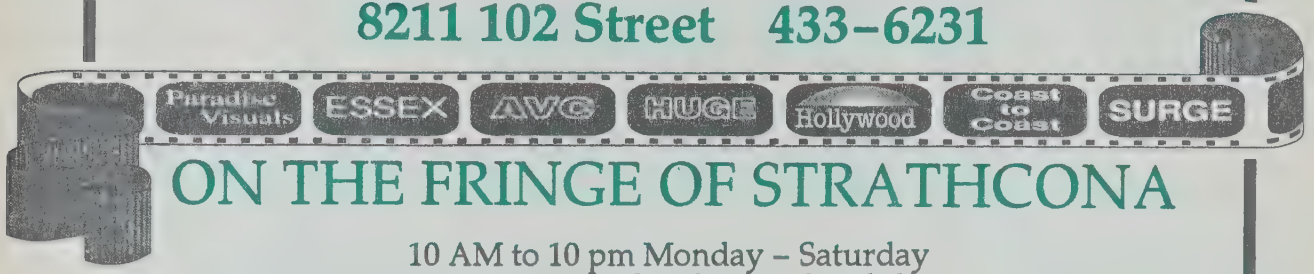
"The duty of the police is to prevent crime, not allow it to happen in order to improve their arrest statistics by encouraging easy targets," said OutRage spokesman **Aamir Ahmad**.

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ENGLAND--London will host the first ever "Euro-Pride" next summer.

More than 100,000 European dykes and poofters are expected.

Negotiations continue with authority figures and the Department of the Environment over a venue for the event. Hyde Park and Clapham Common are among the sites under consideration. (*The Pink Paper*)

Manager **Martin Foreman** called the shop "an idea whose time has come."

The store seeks the "pink pound," offering several condoms designed to withstand anal intercourse.

An impressive assortment of dental dams has also been stocked.

Brits bought 144 million rubbers last year.



Vacuum-voguing in Germany at the First International Drag Races.

Photo by Magnus

ENGLAND--The nation's first condom store, Condomania, opened in the heart of the sex industry at 57 Brewer St., Soho, W1, reports *Capital Gay*.

FAROE ISLANDS--Three of the 77,000 citizens of this Danish possession are openly gay--two men and one lesbian, reports *PAN Bladet*.

A recent survey of high-school students found that most believed one had to both be gay and travel to Denmark to become infected with HIV.

Health officials estimate that 50 citizens may be HIV-positive.

The Faroes are located mid-point between Norway and Iceland.

FRANCE--*Paulette Goodman*, national president of Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays, recently launched a chapter in Paris.

"[There is a] great need for P-FLAG groups in France," Goodman said. "Gays and lesbians in France are mostly closeted and fearful."

Other observers have noted that in many Western European countries, gays and lesbians blend in with the general population and eschew segregating themselves into special neighborhoods.

Meanwhile, P-FLAG Program Director **Laurie Coburn** joined the American delegation to the recent gay-pride celebrations in the Soviet Union and launched P-FLAG groups in St. Petersburg (formerly Leningrad) and Moscow.

"I was touched by the many young people who clearly longed for affirmation from their parents and were hungry for help in coming out," Coburn said. "Their expressions of love and gratitude for P-FLAG's presence at the symposium were almost overwhelming."

FRANCE--In a recent survey by the newspaper ***L'Evenement du Jeudi***, 37% of those contacted refused to discuss homosexuality with researchers.

Most were either farmers, over 65, unemployed, or lived in the north of France or the Paris suburbs, noted *Gai Pied*.

Thirty-seven percent of the 2,060 respondents "condemned" both homosexuality and adultery.

GERMANY--"Schrill, Schräg, Schwul" (loosely, "Outrageous Closeted Gays") is all the rage on German TV.

Beamed to 600,000 homes since February by FAB, the fabulous cable station of Berlin, the weekly, hour-long program "has all Berlin talking and is gaining popularity fast," according to *Gai Pied*.

Noted filmmaker **Rosa Von Praunheim** is the host.

Although the stated intention of the program is "to win over the heterosexual public and cause them to think," the most popular segment so far is "The fuck of the week: New gay couples brought together through the classified ads."

Other fun bits include safe-sex advice, make-up hints, gay English lessons, can-cans, and maps of cruising areas.

INDIA--"Veeru Dada" is the first commercial Hindi-language film to feature a gay main character, reports the gay magazine ***Bombay Dost***.

The villain Jagraj, played by **Shakti Kapoor**, is portrayed as a camp gay man who is open about his sexuality and accepted by the other characters.

In one scene he caresses and hugs a policeman who is on his payroll.

Bombay Dost concluded: "Veeru Dada" has done us a big favor by making the homosexual the pivot of the plot whereas before a homosexual was a peripheral character in Hindi cinema. It deserves kudos just for that." ***(Gay Times)***

INDIA--AIDS activists staged protests in August in Chicago, London, New Delhi, New York, San Francisco and Toronto to protest what San Francisco's Emergency Coalition to Stop HIV/AIDS in India termed "the Indian government's misguided and inhumane [AIDS] policies."

Activists charged that HIV-positives are routinely turned away from Indian hospitals, that the blood supply is not tested for the virus, and that safe-sex information is unavailable.

"'WANTED FOR AIDS' posters carrying the names of known HIV-positive blood donors adorn



the walls of hospitals," the San Francisco group reported, "and at one 'health center' in Guamnam in the state of Assam, HIV sufferers are shackled 24 hours a day. Their only 'treatment' is religious study."

NETHERLANDS--Gay pride, which bounces around the country each year, was held in beautiful downtown Alkmaar this year.

The celebration was dedicated to the emerging gay/lesbian movements of Eastern Europe, which were represented by 40 official visitors.

About 15,000 homosexuals marched through the town center.

Justice Minister **Aud Kosto** spoke at a rally and announced that gays from countries that severely punish homosexuality can qualify for political-refugee status in Holland.

NEW ZEALAND--A coalition of gay groups in Auckland publicly disassociated themselves from the Aotearoa (New Zealand) Man/Boy Love Association, following mainstream media interest the organization.

In a press release, the groups said pedophiles should not claim to be a legitimate part of the gay community because pedophilia is a psychological disorder rather than a sexual orientation.

AMBLA responded that it merely supports men and boys involved in romantic relationships and "in no way...condones, supports or encourages any form of abuse by one person against another."

NICARAGUA--According to *El Nuevo Diario*, Managua gays and lesbians gathered June 30 to celebrate "International Gay Pride Day."

"Everyone should know that we are a large community--about 15 percent of the world population," one celebrant told the newspaper.

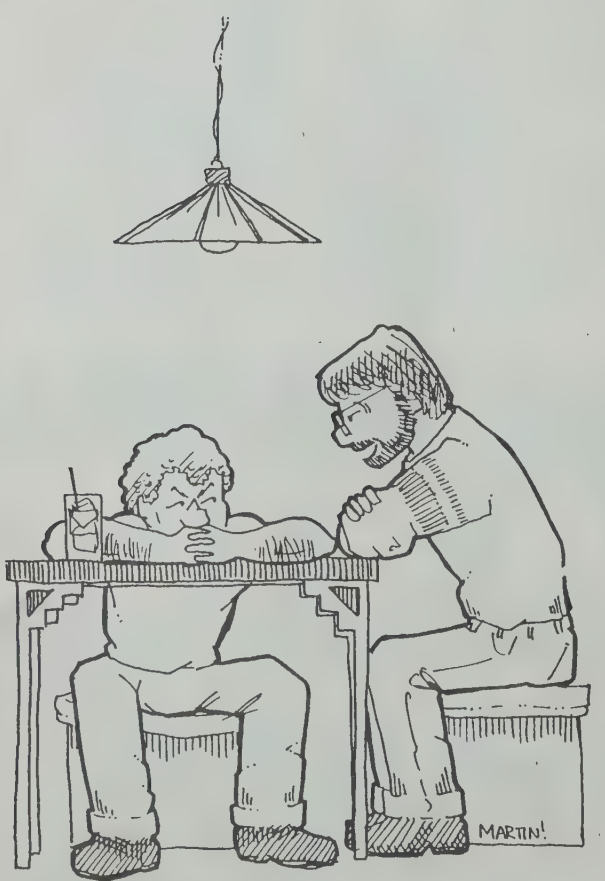
The gathering was organized by the Gay Community of Nicaragua, the group The Meeting Point, and the Health Service Information Center.

"We're against all types of discrimination," said HSIC spokeswoman **Ana Quiroz**. "People persecute you if they know your [sexual] orientation. Many lose their jobs and, during the Sandinista government, gays and lesbians were removed from the armed services even though they were eager to defend the revolution.

"The only way to combat it is to encourage discussion," Quiroz said. "We must expose the false myths and break the silence."

Doc & Raider

By Sean Martin



Boy, there's nothing more depressing than a perky blond whose 'Golden Girls' episode gets pre-empted...

NORWAY--"The Military's Little Pink" is a new brochure presented to all new recruits.

It provides information on gay and lesbian organizations as well as supportive contacts within the military.

"Homosexuals comprise a large minority in the military and many of them need to know who they can turn to if they want to talk," noted brochure authors **Nicolai Geelmuyden** and **Svein-Ove Kirkhorn**. (*Blikk*)

PUERTO RICO--San Juan was rejected for AZT-maker **Burroughs Wellcome**'s large gay-press ad campaign promoting HIV testing "because we don't know how a minority community might respond," said a spokesman for the ad agency Lavey, Wolff & Swift.

"If a counselor on the [national AIDS-information] line made recommendations, would a minority follow their advice? We did not know," the spokesman said.

The gay magazine *Caribbean Heat* denounced Wellcome and the agency for "blatant racism."

Further, *CH* said, Wellcome also likely skipped over San Juan because economic conditions are such that neither AIDS patients nor the government can afford AZT, the only federally approved anti-HIV drug.

San Juan has the second-highest AIDS rate of any U.S. city.

SWEDEN--The International Gay and Lesbian Youth Organization held its annual gathering in Gothenburg in August, discussing AIDS, racism, sadomasochism, sexism and other issues of importance to gay youth.

Seventy delegates attended from around the world.

Next year's conference will be in Vienna or Bratislava, Czechoslovakia.

SWEDEN--Leathermen from across Europe gathered in Stockholm in August for the annual "Baltic Battle" weekend, which featured parties, seminars and the Mr. Baltic contest.

The 1,200-member group Scandinavian Leathermen hosted the events. SLM is believed to be the largest leather club in the world.

Josef Altenbuchner, a 28-year-old Bavarian living in Stockholm, captured the Mr. Baltic title. (*Reporter*)

USSR--As the former republics of the Soviet Union become independent nations, the "USSR" dateline will disappear from this news roundup in coming months and be replaced with "Russia," "Estonia," "Siberia," "Uzbekistan,"





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etc. You'll forgive our not quite having gotten it all figured out this month. Also: Leningrad has been officially renamed St. Petersburg.

USSR--During the recent gay-pride celebrations in Moscow, six activists from three Siberian cities formed an umbrella group called Siberian Initiatives.

Natasha Ivanova from the city of Krasnoyarsk, **Alex Starostenko** and **Venyamin Volnov** from Barnaul, and **Olga Gudkina, Lena Khakimova** and **Asya Savinova** from Novosibirsk say gay lib isn't just for St. Petersburg and Moscow any more, baby.

USSR--The Medical-Psychological Center of Crocus Anti-AIDS Plus, a Soviet-American joint-venture, is building a "Hospice and Guest House for people with AIDS/HIV and people with housing problems because of their homosexuality," says director **Igor Yevsyukov**.

The project has received major support from *Moscow Magazine*, which will stage a large benefit at year's end.

USSR--Moscow's Association for Gay Equality reports that a Moscow People's Court sentenced **Vladimir Mironov**, 43, to three years' hard labor for the crime of engaging in gay sex, a violation of Russian Republic Penal Code Article 121.1.

"The basis for pronouncing this sentence was testimony beaten out by the investigating agencies," said AGE founder **Vladislav Ortanov**. "Every day of being in jail under Article 121 is agonizing torment, incomparable with other horrible Soviet prisons.

"We appeal to all civil-rights organizations, to all honest people devoted to the ideals of humanism and charity...to speak out for the repeal of this unfair sentence," Ortanov begged.

"We appeal to the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet of the Russian Republic...to halt application of Article 121.1, paragraph 1...and to grant amnesty to all those convicted under this article."

Compiled by Rex Wockner

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International AIDS Confab Moves To Holland

Next summer's cancelled Eighth International Conference on AIDS has been revived and relocated to Amsterdam, scheduled for July 19–24.

The huge annual gathering had been planned for Boston but was scrapped in August by its sponsor, the Harvard AIDS Institute, to protest the U.S. immigration restrictions on HIV-positive visitors and the ban on HIV-positive immigrants.

Many AIDS activists and others felt the U.S. should be punished and embarrassed for its immigration policies. But recently, some AIDS activists have criticized the decision to move the conference, saying it would have presented an unprecedented opportunity to focus media attention on AIDS issues during a U.S. presidential election year.

"The winners," says **Martin Delaney**, executive director of San Francisco's Project Inform, a prominent AIDS-treatment information foundation, "[are] **George Bush** and the Department of Justice. Both really wanted to get this conference out of their hair during the election and wanted to maintain the immigration ban.

"The losers?" Delaney continued. "Those who most wanted to change the immigration policy. They scored a victory on principle but lost an irreplaceable opportunity to fight for their cause.... There may never again be as good an opportunity to confront the administration publicly on its AIDS and health-care policies."

The relocated conference will be at Amsterdam's RAI Exhibition Center. It is expected to draw between 10 000 and 14 000 participants.

If the conference should happen to lose money, the Dutch government said it will make up the difference.

If you're gay, Amsterdam is considered the San Francisco of Europe. A large presence by rowdy direct-action groups such as ACT UP and superb hospitality for gay and lesbian delegates are all but guaranteed.

Further, the International Lesbian and Gay Association's 14th World Conference will be held in Paris either immediately before or after the AIDS gathering--meaning the large number of gays who routinely attend both events can kill two birds with one airline ticket.

-- Rex Wockner

More Mexican Homophobia

In the wake of the mess in Guadalajara that led to the cancellation of the International Lesbian and Gay Association conference [see *AGLP*, July and August, 1991], authorities in Mexico City have shut down a popular gay-culture center.

But as in Guadalajara, gays and lesbians are fighting back.

City police placed a sign on the door of the cultural center and bar Bugambilia Aug. 9 stating that the establishment had been closed for "security reasons" and "noise pollution."

The sign cited Articles 89, 90 and 91 of the Mexico City Law of Urban Development.

Bugambilia previously had been shut down from November 1990 to this February, when owners gave in and paid a hefty "fine."

This time, the club's supporters are trying a different approach.

On Aug. 10, a sign appeared on the door reading, "We, the neighbors united with Bugambilia, repudiate the unjustified closure of our best cultural and entertainment center. In spite of pseudomoralistic opinions, we support our forum."

Then Mexico's best-known gay actor, **Tito Vasconcelos**, went public in the daily newspaper *La Jornada*.

"This is serious and intolerable proof of the hostility that the authorities exercise against the gay community," Vasconcelos said.

"Without exception, we artists will struggle to the bitter end for the reopening of our space."

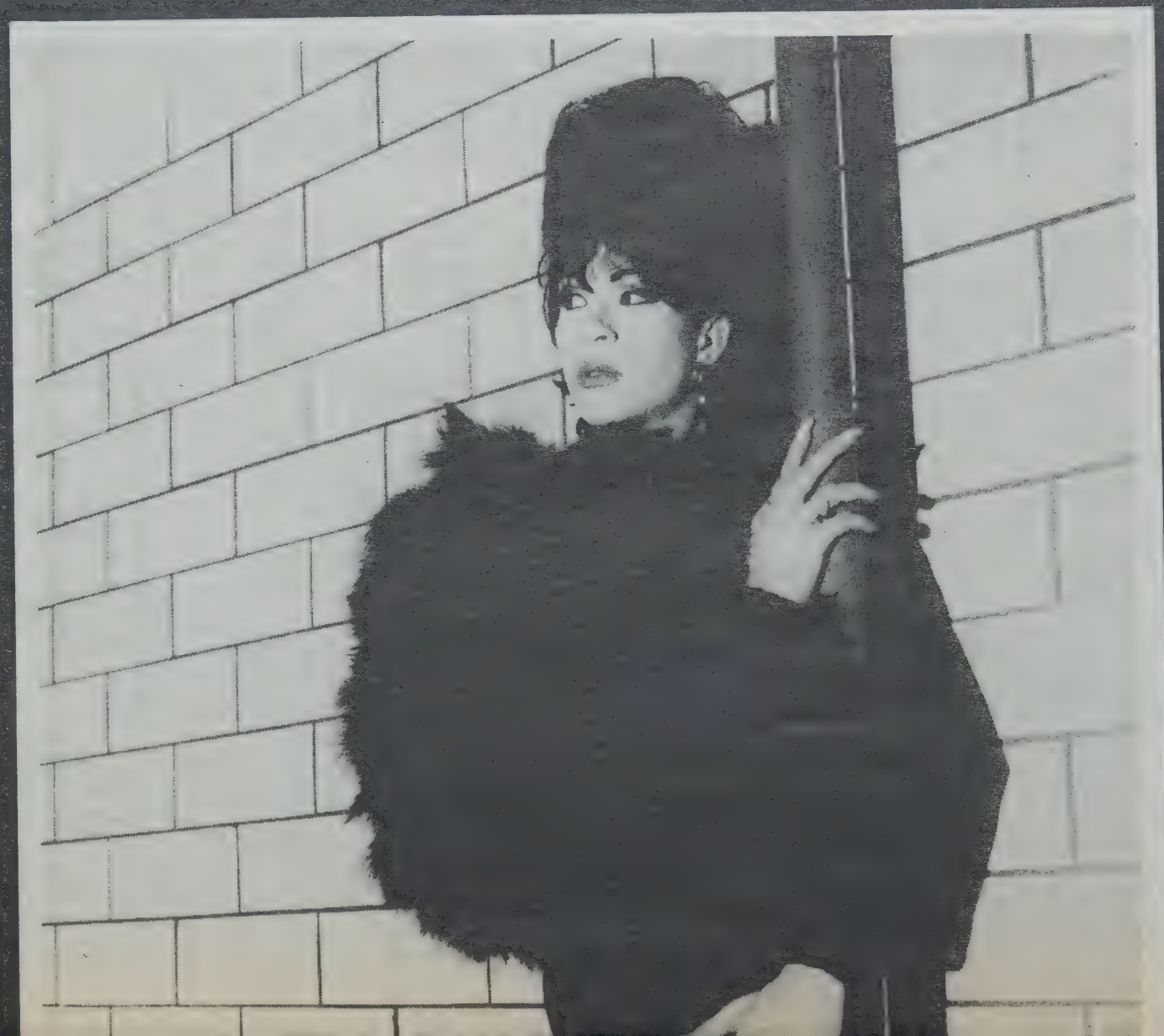
On Aug. 16, Bugambilia supporters delivered a petition to police containing signatures of more than 600 artists, intellectuals and club patrons.

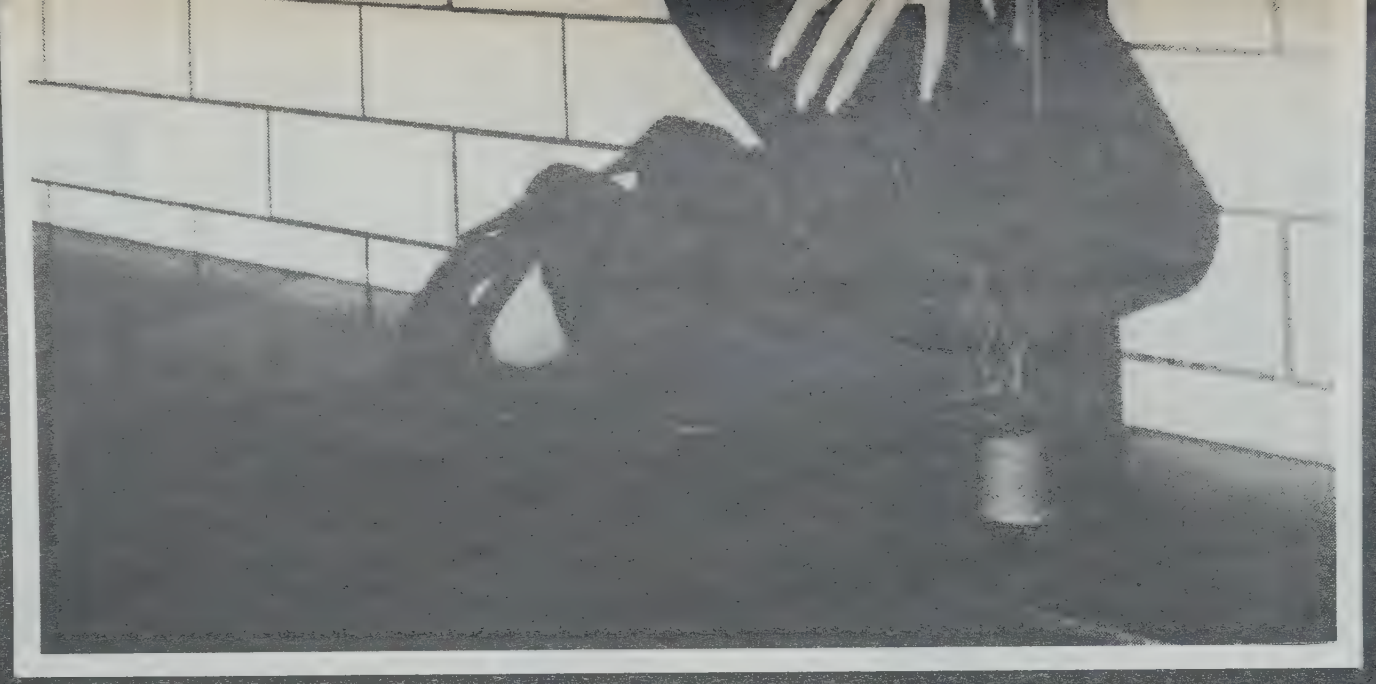
Later in the month, the International Gay and Lesbian Human Rights Commission joined the crusade, staging a picket at the Mexican consulate in San Francisco.

-- Rex Wockner

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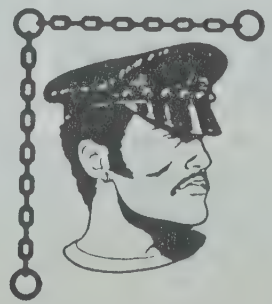
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Indian Gays Are Coming Out

By Rex Wockner

A gay movement has been born in India, according to a lengthy report published in *The New York Times*.

The newspaper said urban yuppies are coming out of the closet, gathering at bars, cruising at train stations, and holding hands in public parks.

"This explosion of open gay behavior is startling" to Indian society, the *Times* believes.

But **Sultan Khan**, a writer for ***Bombay Dost***, India's first gay magazine, disagreed.

"I don't think a homophobic culture exists in India," Khan said. "We've never had the type of physical barbarism and cruelty you had in Europe. So I don't see why we can't have a gay culture.

"There have always been opportunities for gay sex," Khan noted. "The point is that it is now a movement.... People are recognizing that it's OK to be single."

It's easier to forego marriage if you live in a city, Khan said. "In the countryside, everybody spies on you. Consciousness-raising is going to take a long time."

Bombay Dost hopes to advance the process by changing the word "khush," which means "happy," into the equivalent of "gay."

"Most people wouldn't know what it means yet," Khan said, "but that will change."

Bombay Dost editor **Ashok Row Kavi**--who, the *Times* noted, has "lightly hennaed hair," a "gold chain around the neck and [a] jeweled index finger"--is equally enthusiastic but says gay liberation is a pretty 'advanced' issue for a poverty-stricken country.

"According to Bombay City, two out of 10 people are living on the pavement here," Kavi said. "So if 20,000 gays marched for sexual rights, no one would care.

"Probably no one *should* care," he admitted.

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Your hands searching, touch
farther down where even alone
myself I do not go
Your naked body I
love it
Sleek and heavy weighing
over me and I love it
Your sweet fragrant arms
dripping salty sweat tasting
new with apprehension alive and
I love it
Looking deep inside
each other
and I love
it Our motion stilled to a flash
of perception so slow I cannot
imagine from one position
to another how we are
moving for I am feeling it
only in my sub conscious
and I love it

and
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By Eden C. Thompson

Messages

I get rumblings in my chest
approximately where I believe
the heart lies hidden;
the rumblings need expression.
Somewhere in the journey
from the source to thought
or from thought to words,
the original intent and meaning
are marred or lost altogether;
I am left confused and alone.

There is always a point in time
when I realize the tongue
is clanging a hollow bell;
that the message is all wrong ----
But rather than stopping
and trusting to the powers
of telepathic heart messages,
the tongue rattles louder
in skitty hummingbird flits;
confusing the issue more.

Clogging whatever portion
of the original intent of the message
that is somehow transmitted
into a mass of jumbled words
with no pattern or sense.

Will you help me sort them?

By Marty

Community Events Calendar

BARS, CLUBS & PUBS

MONDAYS
BOYSTOWN: METRO – Discomania
TRAX – Games Day
318 – Pool Tournaments

TUESDAYS
BOYSTOWN: METRO/REKROOM – Pre Trax Party
TRAX – Men's Knight Dancers at 11:30 and 1:15
OFF CENTRE – DJ 8 pm to close
318 – Women's Night

WEDNESDAYS
BOYSTOWN: METRO – Wacko Wednesdays
TRAX – Line Dance Lessons 9 – 11pm
318 – Wildly Wicked Wednesdays/ Bare What You Dare

THURSDAYS
BOYSTOWN: METRO/REKROOM – Buddy Nite
TRAX – The Bare Chest Contest
318 – Animal Knight
OFF CENTRE – D.J. Starts at 8 pm

FRIDAYS
BOYSTOWN: METRO – Dance till 4 am.
TRAX – Business Men's Happy Hour
OFF CENTRE – D.J. Starts at 9 pm

SATURDAYS
BOYSTOWN: METRO – Dance till 4 am.
TRAX – Karaoke 10 pm –1 am
318 – B.B.Q. 5 – 8 pm
OFF CENTRE – D.J. Starts at 9 pm
318 – Patio Days BBQ 5 – 7 pm.

SUNDAYS
318 – B.B.Q. & Various Shows. Call 228–7999
OFF CENTRE – D.J. Starts at 9 pm

Tuesday October 1

CNC/TRAX – Social Evening 5:30pm

Wednesday October 2

CALGARY STATUS OF WOMEN ACTION COMMITTEE – Planning Meeting 7:30 pm Call 262–1873
GAY LINES SOCIAL CLUB – Meeting at Off Centre, 7:30 pm call 234–8973 for info.

Thursday October 3

DIGNITY – Liturgy and dinner out 5:45 pm Call 282–659.
Edmonton
NORTHERN CHAPS Bar Night 7 – 10 pm
BOYSTOWN: METRO – Anniversary Weekend / Whip Cream Wrestling

Friday October 4

BOYSTOWN: METRO – Anniversary Weekend / Whip Cream Wrestling
CNC – Networking 91 Conference. Call 234–8973 for info.

Saturday October 5

CNC – Trade Show, Hospitality Inn 135 Southland Dr. S.E. 8:30 am
CNC – Networking 91 Dance at Bridgeland Community Hall 919 McDougall Rd. N.E.
Happy Bithday Ceri
BOYSTOWN: METRO – Anniversary Weekend / Whip Cream Wrestling Finals

Sunday October 6

BOYSTOWN: METRO – Anniversary Weekend / Benefit Show For AGLP
OFF CENTRE – Staff Show and Crowning of Miss Off Centre
Happy Birthday Jim, We will see you at the Benefit

Monday October 7

PLAZA THEATRE – Paris Is Burning 7 pm

Tuesday October 8

P-FLAG – Potluck 7:30 pm call 282–6529
PLAZA THEATRE – Paris Is Burning 9:30

Wednesday October 9

PLAZA THEATRE – Paris Is Burning 7 pm

Thursday October 10

PLAZA THEATRE – Paris Is Burning 9:30

Saturday October 12

AGRA/TRAX – Dance Marathon Call 245–8477 for details
GLACA – Black and Blue Leather and Levi Dance 9 pm Heritage Ranch Hwy 2 Red Deer
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BOOTS & SADDLE – Harvest Homecoming Call 488–3234 or 423–5014
PRINCESS THEATRE – Paris Is Burning 9:30 pm (Admission is $2.50 if you're in drag!)

Sunday October 13

Edmonton
PRINCESS THEATRE – Paris Is Burning 7 pm (Admission is $2.50 if you're in drag!)
BOYSTOWN: METRO – Strip–A–Rama

Wednesday October 16

CALGARY STATUS OF WOMEN ACTION COMMITTEE – Planning Meeting 7:30 Call 262–1873

October

Thursday October 17

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NORTHERN CHAPS – Bar Night 7 – 10 pm

Friday October 18

Not Alone Meeting call 282–6592 for details
CALGARY STATUS OF WOMEN ACTION COMMITTEE – Persons Day Call 262–1873

Saturday October 19

CLUB CALGARY – A.G.M. 7 – 9 at Boystown. (Members only please).
APOLLO – Curling call Rob Hudson 245–8285
OFF CENTRE – Sixth Anniversary Party

Sunday October 20

BOYSTOWN: METRO – Princess XIII Eartha Quake presents a Night in Disneyland

Monday October 21

PLAZA THEATRE – Torch Song Trilogy 9:15pm

Wednesday October 23

Happy Birthday Corinne & Joey!!

Thursday October 24

L.I.L. – Annual General Meeting and Board Elections, 7:30 pm Old Y Centre, 223 12 Ave. S.W.

Saturday October 26

318 – Halloween Party
BOYSTOWN/REKROOM – Asphalt Jungle Halloween Party
CAMP 181 – Dance 919 McDougall Rd N.E.

Wednesday October 30

CALGARY STATUS OF WOMEN ACTION COMMITTEE – Planning Meeting 7:30 Call 262–1873

Thursday October 31

It's Fright Night, Happy Haunting...
OFF CENTRE – Halloween Party
318 – Halloween Party Staff Show
TRAX – Halloween Hoedown

Saturday November 2

MCC CALGARY – Halloween Dance 8 pm 204 16 Ave N.W.

Wednesday November 6

GAY LINES SOCIAL CLUB – Meeting at Off Centre, 7:30 pm call 234–8973 for info.

Friday November 8

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AL–ANON – Colonel Belcher Hospital, 8 pm. Call Ben 277–8360 or Debbie 263–9615

WEDNESDAYS

ALPINE FRONTRUNNERS CLUB OF CALGARY – Lindsay Park 8–9pm
MOUNT ROYAL LESBIAN AND GAY COLLECTIVE – Room 301, Wyckman House. Call 240–3228
CHINOOK CITY DANCE CLUB – Square Dance Lessons. Call Gay Lines

THURSDAYS

LESBIAN INFORMATION LINES – Coffee House every 2nd & 4th Thursday.
RAP GROUP every 1st and 3rd Thursday 7:30 – 9:30 pm, Old Y Common Room

FRIDAYS

LESBIAN & GAY YOUTH CALGARY – Newcomers' meeting, 7 – 10 pm
ALPINE FRONTRUNNERS CLUB OF CALGARY – Eau Claire Y (by arches) 6:30 pm

SATURDAYS

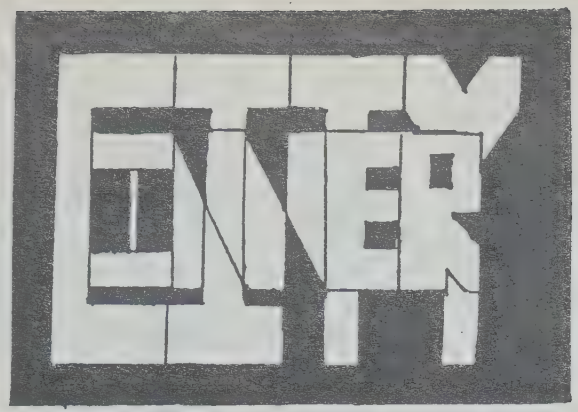
ALPINE FRONTRUNNERS – Track Training 10 am. Call 234–8973

SUNDAYS

ALLELUIA M.C.C. – Worship service at 7:30 pm, Old Y Common Room
METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH – Worship service, 11 am
ALPINE FRONTRUNNERS – Eau Clair YMCA, 11 am
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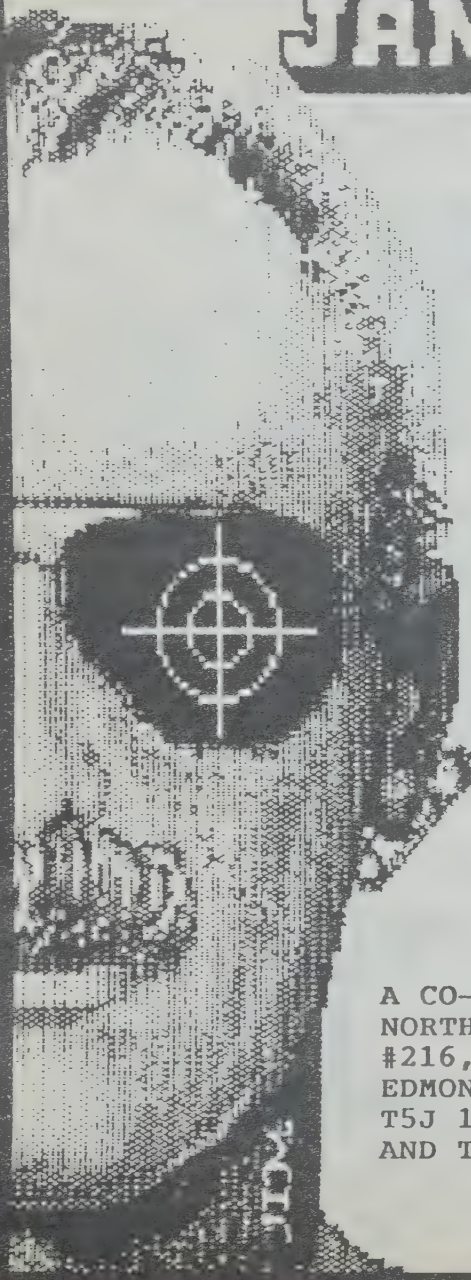
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By Mark Guire
Stettler

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► Hello?
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► Oh, Geoff, I'm glad you called. How are you doing, living all alone in that horrible apartment? Are you eating properly?
♦ I'm fine, Mom, just fine. Uh, look, Mom, I got something I have to tell you.
► Well, I hope it doesn't have anything to do with your grades! You know how your father and I...
♦ Look, just listen to me, okay, Mom? This is important!
► All right, all right, you needn't yell.
♦ I'm sorry.
► That's all right dear.
PAUSE
► Well?
♦ Huh?
► What was it that you wanted to tell me?
♦ Mom, I'm gay.
► That's nice dear. And how is that girl you've been dating, Lucie Whatshername?
PAUSE
► Wah-ha-ha-ha-ha!
♦ Billy, you asshole!
► Look, sorry, man. I didn't mean to. I just couldn't keep a straight face.
♦ This is important to me, Billy. It's taken me years to work up the guts to tell my mother I'm gay, and I need the practice.
► Okay, okay, sorry, Geoff. Wanna try again?
♦ Sure. Hang up.
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PAUSE
Brrrrriinnnnngggggg
► Hello, Geoff, I hear you're a homo.
♦ Billy, will you quit fucking around? You said you'd help, so help!
► Sorry, just had to get it out of my system. I'm ready now.
♦ Okay. Click. Buzz. Click. Ring.
► Hello?
♦ Hi, Mom, it's me, Geoff.
► Oh, hello, Geoff. How're you doing?
♦ I'm fine Mom, just fine. Mom, there's something I've been wanting to discuss with you for a long time, for the last couple of years now.
► Oh?
♦ Yeah, well, um... Mom, are you sitting down?
► Yes, honey, what is it?
♦ "Honey?"
► Just getting into character. That's what you wanted me to do, isn't it?
♦ Yeah, right, I guess.
► Soo... Yes, honey, what is it?
♦ Well, uh... Mom, we've known each other for a long time now.
► Ever since you were born.
♦ Uh, yeah. Mom, what I'm trying to say is that we really love each other and we trust each other and

we're not supposed to have any secrets from each other, right?

► That's right...

♦ Mom, this is really hard for me. I don't know how to say it, so I'll just come right out with it. Mom, I'm gay.

PAUSE

♦ Well?

► Well what?

♦ Well, react.

► How the hell am I supposed to react? I don't know what your mom's like. I don't know how she's going to react.

♦ Fat lot of good you are.

► Sorry, Geoff, but look, every parent acts differently when their son comes out. No one can know for sure how they're going to take it, not me, not you, not anyone.

♦ Well, how did your mom react?

► My mom?

♦ Yeah, your mom. How did you tell her you were gay? What did you say?

► I didn't.

♦ What do you mean you didn't? I've had dinner over at your parents' place. I've talked to your mom. I know she knows you're gay.

► Yeah, that's right, but...

♦ So how did you tell her?

► I didn't. She discovered it on her own. She came in one day when she was supposed to be out and found me and this guy I knew in an -- um -- uncompromising position.

PAUSE

♦ You're shitting me, Billy.

► No way, man! It's the God's honest truth, I swear.

♦ So what did she say when she saw you?

► Nothing. She stared at us for a couple seconds, then turned and walked out of the room. Actually, looking back, I guess it was kind of funny; you should have seen us jumping back into our jeans, scared completely shitless.

♦ Wasn't so funny then, though.

► You're telling me! Anyway, my mom didn't even mention the incident for about two weeks, even when I tried to bring up the subject. Then, one evening, when we were watching TV and everyone else was out of the house, she turned to me and said, "Are you happy?"

♦ Is that it, "Are you happy?"

► That's all, but when she said it, she looked at me with her eyes open wider than I'd ever seen them before, kind of imploring-like, you know, and almost sort of like she was on the verge of tears.

♦ Oh geez...

► When I told her that yes, I was happy with who and what I was, she just took me in her arms and hugged me, and then she started crying, but the way she was crying it didn't sound like she was upset or anything, but rather kind of, well, kind of relieved.

♦ So what did she say?

► Well, like you said, you know pretty much what my mom's like. We wound up having this huge, long conversation, and she told me that over the past couple of weeks, when she wouldn't even say peep to me, she had been talking to just about everyone else; our pastor, our family doctor, my Aunt Mary, everybody. And she went to the library and got out all these books and stuff on homosexuality, to, like, prepare for this talk.

♦ So what did you do about all this?

► There was kinda like mostly just a lot of crying and hugging and I-love-yous and that sort of shit, but in the end we pretty much, I don't know, accepted each other's position. She's really been an anchor for me ever since.

♦ Oh, wow.

► Yeah. Oh, wow.

♦ You know, you and your mom are a lot of the reason I decided to take the plunge and tell mine I'm gay.

► Huh?

♦ Yeah. I see how you two get along and I get jealous and... I get tired of all the lies. I mean, I love my mom, most of the time anyhow, and she really doesn't know anything about me.

► Hold on a second here Geoff, wait just one moment! Are you coming out because of me?

♦ Well, I guess...

► You asshole! So what if it doesn't work out, huh? Then it'll be all my fault or something, right?

♦ It's gotta work out. It worked with your mom, didn't it?

► Not without a hell of a lot of understanding both ways. Besides, Geoff, it isn't the same. Our parents are different.

♦ How would you know? You said yourself you don't know what my mom's like, remember?

► So what you're telling me is your mom's not going to have any problem accepting it, right?

♦ That's right, she won't. I know she won't.

► Then how come it's taken you so long to tell her? Why're you practising on me, then?

PAUSE

► Geoff?

♦ I don't know, Billy... It's just that it gets so hard sometimes, nobody knowing and all that. Like at Christmas and stuff, when my brother comes

down with his wife and he starts making all these jokes and I'm supposed to laugh, and then my parents and my grandma, especially my grandma, start in on me because I haven't found myself a nice little girl yet and why can't I be more like my brother and... I mean, it's not fair, Billy. I have to hide so much of my life from them so that they won't be hurt, and then they tease me and give me shit because they think I'm not happy and I know it's only their way of trying to help, but still... It hurts sometimes...
PAUSE



- ▸ So are you going to tell them?
- ♦ I don't know. Maybe. Yeah. Yeah, I think I am. My mother, anyways.
- ▸ Look Geoff, I'm not trying to talk you out of it or anything, but you know it doesn't always turn out as well as it did with me and my mom.
- ♦ Yeah, I know.
- ▸ I mean, look at André. He told his family when he was sixteen, and they kicked him out of his home and he hasn't spoken to them in over seven years now.
- ♦ Yeah, I know all that , Billy. But still, I have to tell them.
- ▸ You're sure?
- ♦ Uh huh.
- ▸ Well good luck, then, pal. Promise me you'll give me a call right away and let me know how things turn out, okay?
- ♦ Count on it. Oh, and Billy?
- ▸ Yeah?
- ♦ Thanks.
- ▸ No problem. Talk to you later, all right?
- ♦ Right. Bye.
- ▸ Bye.

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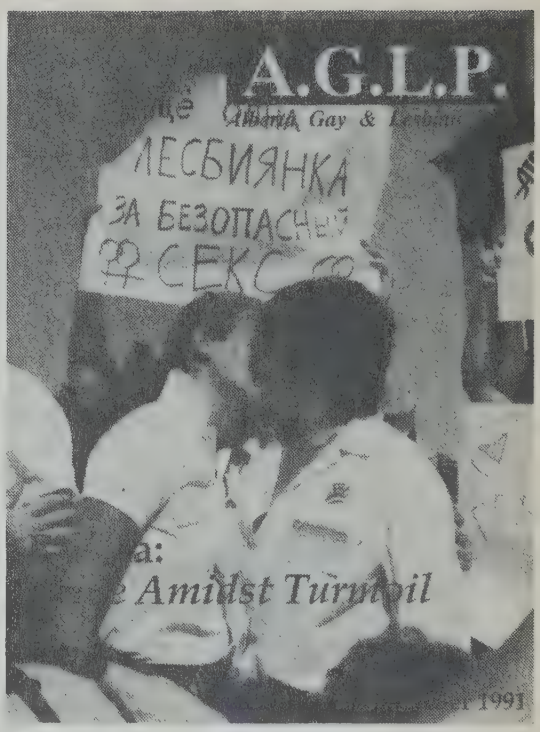
- ● Hello?
- ♦ Hi Mom? It's me, Geoff...



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THANK YOU AND GOOD AFTERNOON

Politically Circumspect

By Joey Sayer
Calgary

Okay. So I'm an Ostrich. I admit it. I am one of those people who every so often happens to be completely unaware of Important Events which are happening around them, much like the legendary Ostrich who has its head perpetually stuck in the sand. I am one of the Unaware. Not that this is the case with me *all* the time, but fairly often. For example, I managed to catch what was probably the first televised report of the coup in Russia (or are we still to say the Soviet Union? At any rate, I caught the telecast by pure luck; nonetheless I was aware of the coup right from the start); yet we were almost a week into the rotating postal strike before I began to wonder what was holding up my mail's delivery.

It's not so much that I'm particularly stupid (although the jury's still out on that one), nor is it a case of my not wanting to know what's going on around me; mostly it's a case of my being so wrapped up in whatever project I have at hand that the rest of the world can continue along its merry old way without me peeking in to see what's happening.

So like I said, I'm an Ostrich. Not all the time, and certainly not intentionally, but often enough to qualify.

That said, I guess you could call me, in general, Politically Unaware. Not Politically Ignorant; Politically Unaware. And being Politically Unaware, I have no real way of knowing whether or not I might be Politically Correct.

Politically Correct. Now that's an impressive sounding term, that one. The first time I came across it, I regarded it with a certain amount of awe -- that is, until I began cracking up over the pretentiousness the term automatically implied.

After all, to be Politically Correct implies that, by comparison, at least some other people must be Politically *Incorrect*. It's kind of like a grown-up version of the old "I'm right and you're wrong, so there!" scenario.

And I guess I'm naïve enough to think that so many of the people who so often impress me with their intelligence, their charitability, their wit and their positive aggressiveness would never resort to this manner of implied name calling.

And so I thought this whole Politically Correct thing was a joke, and I laughed along with it.

Until I look around and realized that no one else was laughing. Ooops.

Many people seem to take their Politically Correct status very seriously, and more power to them. But... Maybe it's just me. I haven't been able to come across a good definition of Political Correctness. I have, however, discovered a lot of clues here and there which point to a kind of muddled conclusion. Political Correctness, it seems, is primarily a state of mind; yet no two minds are alike. Also, anything Political is notoriously subject to change: compare the "Better Dead than Red" fifties with the "Russians are People Too" nineties; or the "If it feels good, do it" sixties with the "Safer Sex" eighties. Political Correctness depends on so many outside factors that it is difficult to keep up. Maybe a new magazine would be an idea; one that could concisely tell us how we're supposed to think *this* week. Couldn't hurt. I mean, I'd hate to miss a headline like "THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HAS SHIFTED ITS POLICIES TO THE LEFT; ALL POLITICALLY CORRECT PERSONS SHOULD NOW BE RIGHT WING". Okay, so that's a little far-fetched. But not much. The Politically Correct often find themselves as the minority voices; hence the need for Political Correctness to begin with.



Howard Cruises' *Wendel* is confronted with Politically Correctness. ©1985 Howard Cruise.

I have a tough time being told what to think. When I'm told "Do this", my automatic reaction is to rebel. I'm told that the New Democratic Party is Politically Correct because it takes the strongest pro-gay rights stance. (It can afford to; it's not in power in most places.) Yet I cringe when I consider that, as a result, I must vote NDP in order to be Politically Correct. I mean, what if -- just maybe -- the NDP candidate in my riding is a complete dweeb? Decisions, decisions.

On a similar note, how about every gay person's pal, Member of Parliament Svend Robinson? He's openly gay, he's outspoken on gay rights issues, he's NDP. That makes him Polically Correct. For this, many feel that they must automatically support him. All the other good he's done doesn't really even come into play. It's too bad that if for some reason you don't back Svend -- maybe you're a diehard Tory, or maybe his non-gay stances irk you -- you're instantly considered to be Politically Incorrect.

Don't get me wrong though. Most of what is and isn't Politically Correct has little to do with politicians per se, or deal with them only indirectly.

Take the good old Philip Morris Corporation, makers of Marlboro cigarettes and Miller beer, for

example. Depending on who you talk to, not to mention the phase of the moon, these brands either are or are not Politically Correct. Most of the Politically Correct organization ACT UP's affiliates (last I heard anyway) say Marlboros and Millers are bad because the PM Corp. supports homophobic U.S. Senator Jesse Helms, although not necessarily his homophobic positions. Yet some ACT UP chapters and others say that it's okay, 'cuz the PM Corp. also now gives millions of dollars to AIDS research and support for some gay organizations. Yes, no; no yes. Which side to take? What's an aspiring Politically Correct girl or boy to choose?

Oh, and speaking about ACT UP, there seems to be an incredible number of (semi-) militant gay organizations cropping up these days, including Queer Nation, LEAGUE America and Outpost (described in the August 21, 1991 *Newsweek* as a "small secretive group that publishes posters proclaiming some celebrities to be 'Absolutely Queer'".

Which brings us around to the subject of Outing. Is it, or is it not Politically Correct? Elsewhere in this magazine, Rex Wockner has reported on the Outing of Pentagon official Pete Williams. It seems that people are disagreeing on the Political Correctness of his having been Outed. Looks like Pete and the PM Corp. have something in common: they both are and are not Politically Correct.

Outing may be a bit different than some other more cut-and-dry issues, however. Everybody has their own personal opinion on the topic. Even Politically Correct people. It's kind of gratifying to know that two people can argue on Important Issues with neither side having to relinquish their Politically Correct standing.

Let's take a peek at Political Correctness a little closer to home, at a group of local entertainers who call themselves the "Drag Kings". Now then, the Drag Kings did a show at a dance a few months back wherein they wore black face paint and lip synched to a Supremes song.

Bad move.

This number sparked a huge backlash against the Kings, and the group was accused of racism, senseless persecution and everything short of being closet KKK members. They defended their case admirably and eloquently, although I doubt that they'll be donning their black makeup again in the near future. The result is that the Drag Kings were labelled Politically Incorrect by several Politically Correct members of our community. And who knows? Maybe they were. But come on, folks, everybody's entitled to their mistakes, particularly if it was a mistake founded on an honest intent to entertain with the thought of possibly offending people being the last thing on anyone's mind.

The Politically Correct can, at times, be overly zealous.

Whew. A whole lot of diatribing up there, and after all that, I'm still not sure I'm any closer to figuring out what Political Correctness really means. Maybe the concept is a bit too large for my little brain to fathom, although I suspect that the concept may also be a little too nebulous for anybody's brain to fathom.

So I won't bother with what other people say. Oh, I'll listen, and I'll consider their words wisely, but in the end, my opinion has to be my own, Politically Correct or not. That's what's really important here, people: if we no longer have control over how we feel, or if we are pressured into thinking in a particular manner, then we lose all sense of identity.

I don't really care if I'm Politically Correct or Incorrect. I just wanna be Spiritually Satisfied, and I want to be able to appreciate others' viewpoints without having to tell them they're wrong.

Still, regardless of how I feel, I guess I should stand up with everyone else and be Politically Pigeonholed. After having looked into this whole Politically Whatever thing, I know that I am no longer completely Politically Unaware. And faced with the above mentioned examples and more, I guess you could say that sometimes I'm Politically Correct and sometimes I'm a Political Kindergarten flunkout. Aren't we all a little bit of both?

And you know what? I still think that the concept of Political Correctness is a joke. It's just that I don't understand the punchline. THANK YOU AND GOOD AFTERNOON, -- Joey. ▼

A FAIRY TALE

By Trish Stenson and Anne Taylor







Once upon a time in a land not so far away and not so long ago, there lived a kind and gentle people. The land and its people flourished as they worked side by side, day by day, and they created many wondrous things. In this land the people were sensitive, warm and friendly to one another. Jackson, the mill owner, milled his grain, Elana, the shoemaker, made many shoes; and Pat, the banker, took care of everyone's money. It was a good and productive system indeed.

In the centre of the wondrous land was a large town square. In the square there were many things. There were games and tables and hot dog stands. There were lavender and black balloons and streamers hanging from the large old oak tree standing in the very centre of the square. There were places for people to meet and talk and debate with one another about important issues. Every Friday night, the people would all come together in the square and rejoice in each other's good fortune. They would dance and sing and have a merry time indeed. Sometimes on nights other than Friday night, only some of the people would use the square for special things that were important only to them. This was a satisfactory and happy system indeed.

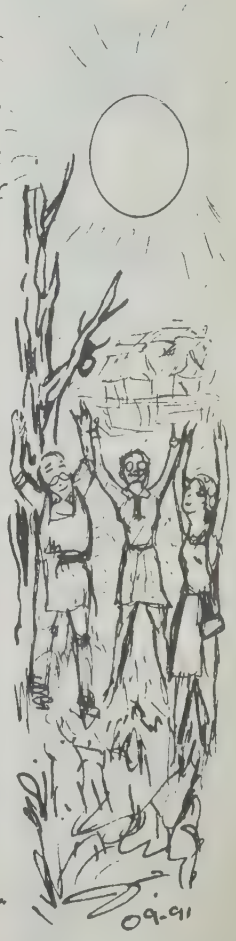
One day, on a day that began like any other day, a large black cloud drifted slowly over the kingdom and hovered over the magnificent town square. The people were afraid and they

spent many hours speaking amongst themselves about the safety of going to the square. None in the land were brave enough to come under the shadow of the black cloud and so, on Friday night, no celebration took place and the people did not rejoice in each other's good fortune. The days and the nights passed and another Friday night came and still the people who were afraid did not rejoice in each other's good fortune, and so it happened that many days and nights and Fridays passed and the people did not come together at all.

Soon, in the town, the people were not happy at all. Jackson, the mill owner, began to notice that he had no grain to mill. Elana, the shoemaker had no customers to make shoes for and Pat, the banker, no longer had anyone's money and had to close her bank. Soon the people did not even venture out of their houses at all. The town became covered in darkness and the black cloud did not go away.

One day, Elana and Jackson and Pat decided they must be brave and go into the square. The people thought this to be foolish and they ridiculed the three because they feared that if the cloud was disturbed, it would do harm to all of the people. Elana and Jackson and Pat ignored the ridicule of the people and bravely they marched into the town square. When they got to the oak tree in the centre of the square they shouted at the cloud to be gone. At first the cloud did not move and so they shouted again, this time louder and harder, and the cloud began to drift away until it had drifted completely out of the kingdom.

Before long, the people came out of their houses and they began to rejoice. The square once again belonged to the people and the people were happy, and the miller was able to grind the grain, and the shoemaker was able to make shoes, and the banker was able to count the money in the bank. And the people met on each Friday night and they rejoiced in each other's successes, and the land was a gentle loving land indeed.



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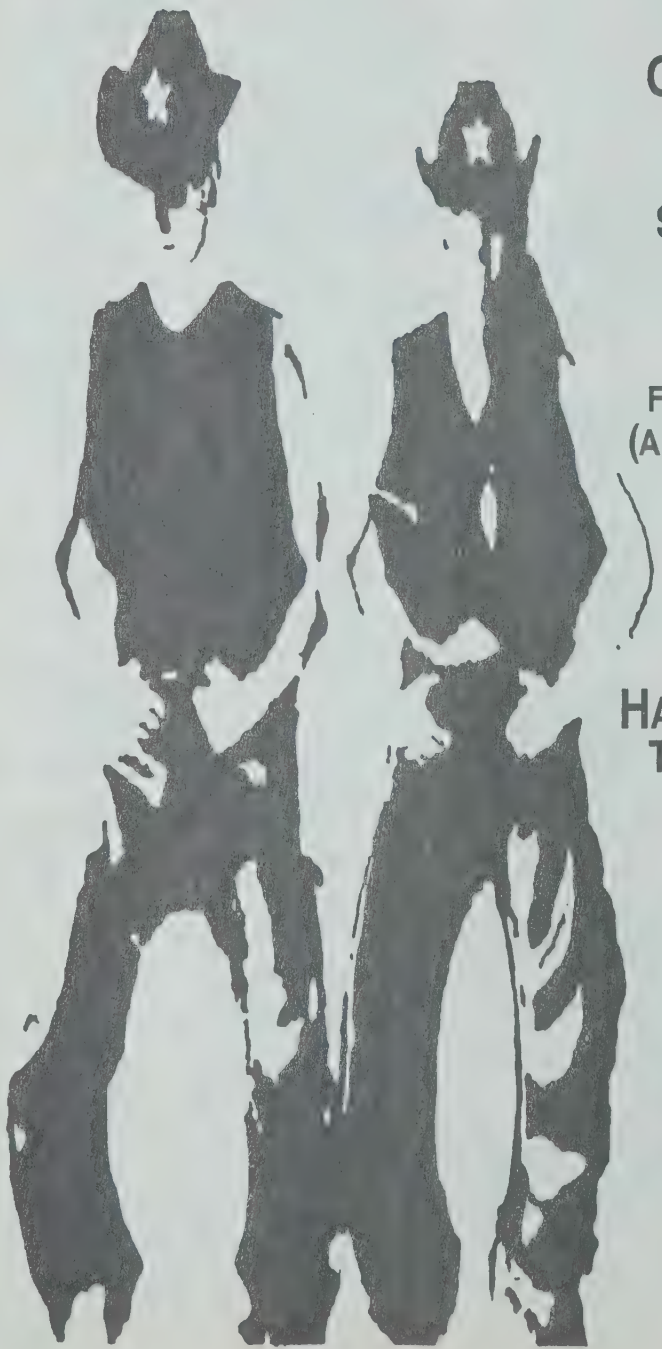
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Deadline for next month's classifieds is October 19. Don't miss out – place your ad early!

GWM with HIV, 29 years-old, 155 lbs. I am outgoing and also enjoy quiet evenings at home, romantic dinners, cuddling and occasional outings to the bar. Seeks friendship and possible relationship with other HIV-positive, age 20 – 45. No fems or fats. **AGLP Box 98**.

Once upon a time there was a drag. Then she found a wallet, got a job, went to beauty school and now has her very own business. What a fairytale. For your very own fairy story call TV Guide and ask about your future in the glam. world of TV. Call now and receive one free eyelash. Beauticians are now lounging by the phone to take your call, so drag yourself to your telephone and call 5-PRET-TY.

Wanted: OFFICE FURNITURE
Gay Lines Calgary is in need of a desk, bookshelves, and a filing cabnet. If you could donate any of these items, please call Gay Lines at 234-8973.

Lesbian Couple, new to Calgary, would like to meet other lesbian couples (30 – 40ish) for friendship, dining out, scrabble and other social events. All replies answered to **AGLP Box 84**.

Paul,
Are your pubes still shaved into a heart?

Gary

GWM, 33, looking for pen pals. Let's correspond about life, love, whatever. I like getting to know men through the way they express themselves on paper. If you're interested, write me. **AGLP Box 99.**

Biologist turned oilpatch prof. wants to make long-term study of anatomy and behavior of party animal. Me: late 20's, slender, teddy bearish in demeanor (my Southern heritage coming through), renaissance man, appreciates Pythonesque humor, often unnervingly quiet but fun loving, proudly gay and theoretically correct but with good Nietzschean leanings. You: enjoy quiet times, good food; wide-ranging musical tastes, (beyond gay folk music: disco), dancing, mental masturbation and safer sex. Pluses: fur, academic education, violently allergic to New Age philosophy as I am, patience enough to put me through the paces at the gym. **Reply AGLP Box 93**.

To All Concerned,
Things I write about Ty – although true – are all said in the spirit of sisterly banter. Right Tubby?

Z.Z. del Rocko.

Non-smoker, non-drinker seeks rural accomodation, prefer a private suite in Calgary to Red Deer area. Must be health conscious, positive environment. No cats please. Contact Brian at 283-5050.

Desperately seeking gay red rouge.

Louise

GOM, 5'7", 140 lbs, 23, University Graduate, slim, moderately muscular, straight-looking and acting. Looking for GM or GF, 18 – 30 to travel Europe with in October. We could leave together or meet there and travel on a full or part time basis. I enjoy weight-lifting, swimming, biking, camping etc. You should be somewhat responsible but know how to have fun. Photos appreciated/returned. All responses welcome/answered to **AGLP Box 97**.

Because of the great interest – and success of the last two womyn's support groups, Lesbian Information Lines is planning another starting in October. Womyn interested should call Alison or Susanda at 265-9458. Topics discussed and meeting times will be decided by those who join.

Male roommate wanted for large S.W. townhouse – with male owner. All amenities – has patio, double garage, washer/dryer, dishwasher, fully furnished 3 bdr. 2½ bath, is on park and cycle path. $350/month, plus half util. and damage deposit. Phone Rob at 238-1887.

Gay Lines Social Club – where guys can meet and make friends in a casual setting.
We meet the first Wednesday of each month at Off Centre, 7:30 pm for coffee, munchies and good company. Dinners, outings, parties, etc. Call Gay Lines (234-8973) for more info.

GWM, 40's younger looking, 5' 7½", 185 lbs., brown hair/eyes. Looking for masculine male under 55-yrs any nationality to be friend, possible relationship. Interests are movies, theatre, eating out, quiet times at home with a friend. Discretion assured and requested. Reply to **AGLP Box 105**. (Edmonton)

G/W/M, 25 with brown hair and eyes. 5"11" in stature and 165 lbs. I am masculine in physique and straight acting. My interests include geography, northern climatic hiking and good conversation. College is a continuance objective.

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I am seeking a moral, intellectial and very masculine white male. (Clean cut but a little rough around the edges you might say.) You are in your 30's or 40's and know who you are, emitting benevolence not conceit. You enjoy the rural life but can appreciate Amsterdams' canals or the humbling architecture of Lagos. The more sturdy you look, the better. A bushy walrus moustache is a plus! You must be HIV-negative and a photo is appreciated.
A cross border friendship is my deisre at this time. But for the right man nothing is insurmountable, and I do like Canada. Hope to hear from you.
Reply to Robert Small, R.R. 1, Box 29, Kenneth, MN. 56147.

If you are a N/S lesbian (25-35) that is simple yet complex, serious (but knows how to laugh at herself), an initiator (but knows when to follow), enthusiastic about life and learning, and appreciative of quiet times and romantic getaways -- then we may have something in common! Is that asking too much? If not, please reply to **AGLP Box 107**.

G/F, 28, stable, slim, non-smoker. I enjoy walking, softball, eating out (vegetable rotis are a favorite), movies, evenings with friends, and the occasional weekend escape. Hoping to meet a similar, single woman who has a sense of humor, has read a book in the past year, and is easy to get along with. Please reply with letter and phone number to **AGLP Box 117**.

G/W/M (British) 5'11", 189 lbs., 42 years old, blue eyes and blonde hair, thin on top. Recently moved to Calgary from U.K. is seeking to contact and meet other Calgarians of diverse background to develop friendships and social life to enable myself to participate and contribute fully in the Canadian way of life. All responses welcomed/answered. **AGLP Box 120**.

I'd like to call you daddy - if you deserve it. Masculine, young white male (stocky build and clean shaven) seeks well-kept man who is articulate and into an array of different things. I'm independent - if not determined. Like-minded moustached or bearded men (who have balls and whose ideals support CLUB Calgary) can write to me. Photos welcome. **AGLP Box 119**.

Zsa has razor sharp wit.
Ty is a razor sharp twit.

Royals,
congratulations - Vag-Phil & Hairdresser Girl.
That fag bartender, Gary.

Congratulations
Mr. Northwest Drummer!
-Still lost in Edmonton and dreaming. Thinking of you and your studded ambiance.
Spanky

Ty is just the abbreviated form of Tubby.

GWM (35), 5'8", 160 lbs., HIV negative, healthy, seeks safe sex with another gay male 40-plus. I'm passive, into TT and interested in leather. You're aggressive but respect limits. Travelling salesman so Calgary or Edmonton O.K. **AGLP Box 118.**

HIV-positive but not dead yet! Happy, healthy GWM 32, 5'9", 135 lbs. Easy going, honest, college graduate. Considered good-looking. Wants to meet other healthy HIV-positive gay males 25-40, for sex, friendship and possiblerelationship. Likes: Anal sex (passive), F.F., oral sex. Outdoors, music, videos,dancing, bicycle riding, quiet evenings. Dislikes: fats, fems, politically correct guys. Wasting no time, yours or mine, lets get more personal. Please include photo. **AGLP Box 121**

GWM, early 40's attractive younger looking, 6' 160 lbs., dark hair brown eyes. I am a sincere honest and caring person. I enjoy a night out and equally a quiet evening at home and open to new experiences. If you're honest and genuine and would like to get to know more than a persons first name, then you're the kind of guy I'd like to meet. Reply with photo if possible, and phone number or address to **AGLP Box 123**.

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Ty, Ty, your so fine, your hairy arms just blow my mind!!

GWM, very late 30's, 5'9", 160 lbs, trim beard and moustche, well educated, fit, a good mix of seriousness and humor, with a smile that doesn't wipe off easily. Searching for a companion and more but only based on time and trust. Looking to share your interests as well as mine, including live theatre, long walks, music, get-aways to mountains, cooking, cross-country, travel, swimming, farmers market and cappuccino Saturday mornings, foreign movies, art, reading and warming toes against fireplaces. If you are also fit, outgoing, affectionate, put people before things and have a zest for life and a desire to share it, please reply to **AGLP Box 122**. (Edmonton)

Ty,
What color is aubergine anyway? And is it available at Ty's TV World emporium?

Kevin,
Happy ninth anniversary babe. I love you more now than when we first met. Here's to nine more years
Love Doug.

I am a GWF and I am tired of the bar scene! Same faces, same games! I am in my mid 20's, attractive, and feminine. I would love to have a secret rendezvous with an attractive, exciting woman! Write now and perhaps we can fulfill some romantic fantasies together. **AGLP Box 124**.

Thanks Wes!
AGLP.

Happy Birthday Kevin,
35 isn't old, if you're a tree! Let's get together and count your rings.
Love Doug.

Healthy, attractive, GWM, 28, 5'-8", 140 lbs., dark hair, blue eyes. I enjoy going to the bars with friends, but I prefer to meet people outside of the scene. My interests are biking, going to movies, dinner, music, dancing and the occasional surprises. I'd like to meet someone who is intellegent, secure and interested in getting to know more than a person's first name. Photo and phone number appreciated. Reply to **AGLP Box 104.**

GWM, 25-years, tall, brunette and attractive searching for a life partner, 21-35, that shares similar values, has a zest for life and a keen sense of adventure. My interests include live theatre, movies, cooking, running, cross-country skiing and triathalons. I value honesty, affection, good communication and a balanced lifestyle. If you enjoy long runs, fun trips to the mountains, quiet evenings sharing feelings and intellegent conversation and you're not *too* scared of real emotional intimacy, please reply to **AGLP Box 103**.

Attractive GWM, 27, 6'0", 155 lbs., with brown hair and blue eyes. I am sincere, caring and secure, with a good sense of humor. My interests include long walks, bike rides, music, movies, dining, drives in the mountains, and I'm always open to new experiences. I believe that a date should be so much more than picking someone up at the bar at the end of the evening. I also believe that it is important to become friends before any kind of relationship. I enjoy quiet nights at home as much as a good night out on the town. So if you're honest and genuine and have similar ideals, then you're the kind of guy I'm looking for. Reply with photo, if possible, and phone number or address to **AGLP Box 102**.

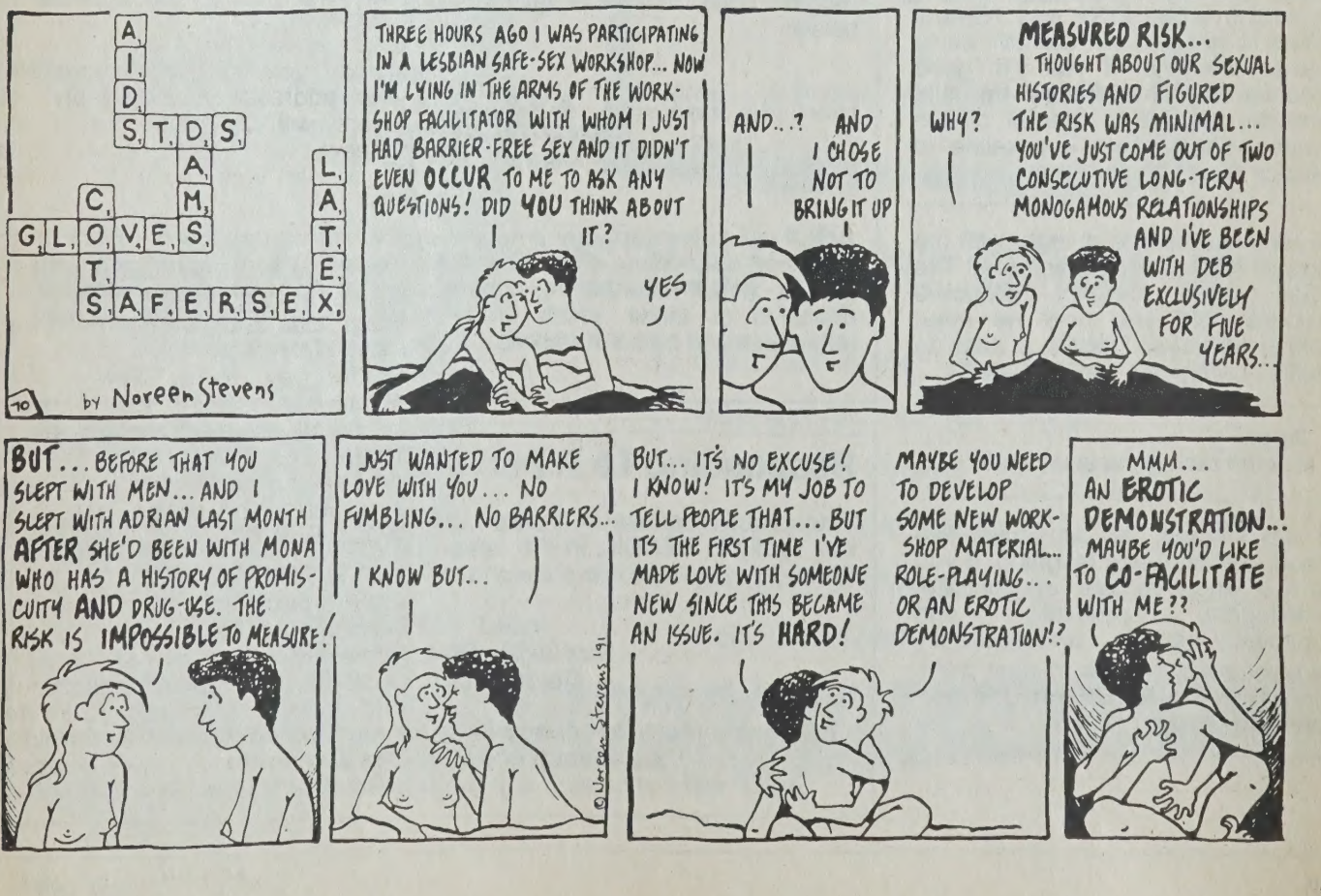
Edmonton-based, multilingual professional lesbian, 48, warm and sincere, a poet at heart and a writer, with deep knowledge and interest in women's spirituality (Goddess-oriented) would like to meet compatible mature lesbians to form a small, intimate women's spirituality circle (6 to 8, max. 10 women) for friendship, knowledge, empowerment, healing and self-transformation. You must be friendly, honest, open-minded, curious and willing to be creative and to explore new ways of ritual making. We will nourish ourselves at many Sources and copy none. Lesbians of all ages are welcome. An interest in the Goddess, a desire to read and research, would be assets. Write to me about your interests, where you're at spiritually and what the Goddess means to you (if you know her, read about her, etc.). Please include your phone number and your address in your reply. All letters will be answered. I will respect your confidentiality and require the same from you. **AGLP Box 111**.

Shy GAM, HIV-negative, 5'8", 175 lbs. dark brown hair and eyes, moustache and average build just moved from Toronto and fairly new to the gay scene. Seeks HIV-negative, masculine, friendly white or Asian males from 25-40 to share friendship and possible long-term relationship. Please send letter and phone number to **AGLP Box 100**.

GWF, particularly feminine but certainly not a prisoner of my femininity. I enjoy sports, the outdoors, romantic rendezvous, and I have a strong desire for knowledge. Be spontaneous girls!! Get wild and crazy and write me a note. **AGLP Box 101**.

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Reply AGLP Box 116

23-year-old, tall, slim, attractive (well I think so) male seeks similar conservative sincere male. I am: professional, romantic, spontaneous, masculine, energetic, enjoy dancing, dining out, good conversation, long walks, outdoors, travel. You are: young, intelligent, spunky, masculine, straight-looking, mature, fun loving with a good sense of humor and style? Please do write. Maybe we can meet for coffee or dinner? **AGLP Box 108**.

GWM, new to Edmonton. I am a successful, young executive who had to leave his young lover behind (not my choice). I would like to find someone I could love and care for. Someone who is young (my last lover was 18) and likes to get out, but can still enjoy quiet evenings. If you like good restaurants, the theatre not just movies, and life in general, please write with a photo if possible to **AGLP Box 109**.

Ever wake up late at night with the irresistible urge to redecorate? The Gay Lines Calgary collective recently did and now we need office furniture. Donate a desk to fulfill our fantasy. Call 234-8973.

Gary,
Has the rash gone away yet?

I am female, 42, attractive, like food, dancing, and laughing. If you are a single female, affectionate, intellegent, politically and spiritually aware and sexually adventurous, I'd like to hear from you. Reply to **AGLP Box 115**. No drinkers please.

RAP RAP RAP group.
No this is not a music group. The Rap group is an opportunity for EVERYONE to share their opinions on gay/lesbian/bisexual issues. We have been rapping for the last year and a half (some of us are exhausted) and invite all those who like diversity of people and opinion to RAP with us every first and third
thursday of the month at 7:30 pm at the Old Y Common Room. 223 - 12 Ave S.W. Call 262-1626 for info.

Intellegent, closeted male, 39, seeks similar male, to about 35, for potential relationship. I live an otherwise full and satisfying life, with diverse friends (predominantly straight), and numerous interests (especially Fine Art). My fetish is for a youthful partner with a slim boyish build; in contrast, I have a more developed body, somewhat hairy, and a handsome beard. (I've been called "distinguished" looking?!). If you think we might be compatable, and you are a non-smoker, then please get in touch. Thanks! **AGLP Box 113**.

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